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In the service of AL-QUR'AN-UL-KAREEM, I have in all humility taken liberty of bringing the scientific findings of that great servant of Islam — Dr. Rashad Khalifa Ph.D. in my own humble way.

Being charged with faith and deep emotion after studying his work, I undertook to deliver a number of lectures to groups and to the general public.

This effort is an extension of my zeal and enthusiasm. In it I have freely utilised Dr. Khalifa's data and at places I have used his actual eloquent words verbatim for lack of better expression.

May Allah accept the efforts of His servants.

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AL-QUR'AN THE ULTIMATE MIRACLE

CHAPTER 1

BACKGROUND TO THE BEGINNING

It has been a common trait of mankind since time immemorial that whenever a Guide from God appeared to redirect man into the Will and Plan of his Maker, instead of accepting the Message on its own merit, mankind demanded supernatural proofs from these men of God.

For example, when Jesus Christ began to preach to his people — "The Children of Israel" — to mend their ways, to refrain from mere legalistic formalism and imbibe the true spirit of the Laws and Commandments of God, his "people" demanded Miracles from him to prove his bona fides, as recorded in the Gospel of St. Matthew, chapter 12, verses 38 and 39 — "Then certain of the scribes and of the Pharisees answered, saying, Master, we would have a sign from thee. But he answered and said unto them, an evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign: and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas:"(1) Though on the face of this, he

⁽¹⁾ The subject pertaining to these verses is discussed in detail by the author in a publication entitled "WHAT WAS THE SIGN OF JONAH?" Available free on request from the Islamic Propagation Centre.

refused to accede to their request, but we learn from the Gospel narratives that he did perform many miracles.

The Bible is replete with supernatural events accredited to the Prophets from their Lord. In reality all those "signs" and "wonders" and "miracles" were acts of God, but since they were worked through His human agents, we describe them as the Miracles of Moses or Jesus by whose hands they were wrought.

Muhummed (Peace be upon him) the Prophet of God was born some six hundred years after Jesus, in Makkah in Arabia. When he proclaimed his Mission at the age of forty, his fellow countrymen made an identical request for Miracles as had the people of Jesus from their promised Messiah.

وكالؤا

YET THEY SAY;

لؤلاً أنزل

WHY ARE NOT

عَلَيْهِ اللَّهُ مِنْ كُرْبَهِ *

SIGNS SENT DOWN TO HIM FROM HIS LORD?"

(Holy Qur'an 29:50)

This is the general trend of their demand. In specific terms they asked that he — Muhummed — 'put a ladder up to heaven and bring down a Book from God in their very sight' — "THEN WE WOULD BELIEVE," they said. Or 'you see the mountain yonder, turn it into gold' — "THEN WE WOULD BELIEVE." Or 'make streams to gush out in the desert' — THEN WE WOULD BELIEVE."

Listen to the soft, sweet pleadings of Muhummed against the unreasonable sceptical demands — "Do I say to you, verily I am an angel? Do I say to you, verily in my hands are the treasures of God? Only, what is revealed to me do I follow." Listen further to the most dignified reply he is commanded to give the unbelievers from his Lord:

فَلُ إِنَّا الرَّيْثُ عِنْكَ اللَّهِ

SAY: "INDEED THE SIGNS (Miracles) ARE WITH GOD:

وَلِينًا آنَا نَذِينُ عَبِينَ ٥

AND VERILY I AM A CLEAR-CUT WARNER."

(Holy Qur'an 29:50)

In the following verse the Holy Prophet is made to point to the Qur'an as an answer to their hypocritical demand for some special kind of "Sign" or "Miracle" for which their foolish, pagan mentality craved. Look at the Qur'an!

آوُلَمْ يَكُفِهِمْ

IS IT NOT ENOUGH FOR THEM

آناً آئزلناعكيك الكِتْب

THAT WE HAVE SENT DOWN TO THEE (O Muhummed!) THE BOOK (Al-Qur'an)

يُثلَىٰ عَلَيْهِمْ ا

WHICH IS REHEARSED TO THEM?

ان في ذلك

VERILY, IN IT (This Perspicuous Book)

لرُّحْمُهُ وَذِكْرًى

IS A MERCY AND REMINDER

لِقُوْمٍ يُؤْمِنُونَ ٥

TO THOSE WHO BELIEVE

(Holy Qur'an 29:51).

As proof of the Divine Authorship and the Miraculous nature of the Holy Qur'an, two arguments are advanced here.

1. 'That We (God Almighty) have revealed to YOU the Book.' "YOU" who art an absolutely unlearned person. An "ummi" Prophet. One who cannot read or write. One who cannot sign his own name. Let Thomas Carlyle(2) testify regarding the educational qualifications of Muhummed — "One other circumstance we must not forget: that he had no school learning; of the thing we call school-learning none at all."

Let the Divine Author (God Almighty) testify to the veracity of Muhummed's claim that he could never have composed the Holy Qur'an; he could not have been its

author.

وْمَاكُنْتُ تَتُلُوا

AND THOU (O Muhummed!) WAS NOT (ABLE) TO RECITE A BOOK

مِنْ قَبُلِهُ مِنْ كِتْبِ

BEFORE THIS (BOOK CAME),

وَلَا تَعْظُهُ بِيمِيْنِكَ

NOR ART THOU (ABLE) TO TRANSCRIBE IT WITH THY RIGHT HANDS:

إِذَا لَا زَنَابَ الْمُنْطِلُونَ ٥

IN THAT CASE, INDEED, WOULD THE TALKERS OF VANITIES HAVE DOUBTED.

(Holy Qur'an 29:48)

Had Muhummed been a learned man; had he been able to read or write; then the babblers in the market places might have had some reason to doubt his claim that

⁽²⁾ One of the greatest thinkers of the past century, who in 1840 delivered a series of talks "ON HEROES AND HERO-WORSHIP." The World's Classics.

the Qur'an is God's Word. In the event of him being a literate person, the insinuations of his enemies that he had probably copied his Book (Al-Qur'an) from the Jews and the Christians, or that perhaps he had been studying Aristotle and Plato and must have browsed through the "Torat," the "Zabur" and the "Injeel" and had re-hashed it all in a beautiful language, might have carried some weight. Then "THE TALKERS OF VANITY" — Might have had a point. But even this flimsy point has been denied the unbeliever and the cynic: a point hardly big enough to hang a fly upon!

2. 'The Book?' Yes, the 'BOOK" itself, carries its own testimony that it is from God. Study it from any angle. Scrutinize it. Its author (God) challenges the doubters:

أفكر يتك برون الفران

DO THEY NOT CONSIDER THE QURAN (WITH CARE)?

وَلَوْ كَانَ مِنْ عِنْدِ عَنْدِ اللهِ

HAD IT BEEN FROM OTHER THAN GOD,

لوَّجُلُاوًا فِيلُو الْحُتِلَافًا كَثِيرًا

THEY WOULD SURELY HAVE FOUND THEREIN MUCH DISCREPANCY.

(Holy Qur'an 4:82)

No human author can ever remain consistent in his teachings for twenty three years. Passing through the most conflicting vicissitudes of life, a man must somewhere along the line make compromises, must contradict himself. No man can ever be the same always in his preachings as the Message of the Holy Qur'an is: CONSISTENT WITH ITSELF, throughout. Or is it that the unbelievers' objections are merely argumentative and refractory against their own better light and judgment?

Again and again when Miracles are demanded from Muhummed the Prophet of God, he is made to point to the Qur'an — Message from on High — as "The Miracle." THE MIRACLE OF MIRACLES! And men of knowledge, people with literary and spiritual insight, who were honest

enough to themselves, recognised and accepted Al-Qur'an as a genuine Miracle. Says the Holy Qur'an:

بَلْ هُوَ ايْكَ بَيِنْكُ

NAY, HERE ARE SIGNS SELF-EVIDENT

فِي صُدُورًا النِّهِينَ أَوْتُواالْعِلْمَ

IN THE HEARTS OF THOSE ENDOWED WITH KNOWLEDGE:

ومًا يجنحل باليتنا الالطلمون

AND NONE BUT THE UNJUST REJECT OUR SIGNS.

(Holy Qur'an 29:49)

CHAPTER 2

SCIENTIFIC PROOF OF OUR'ANIC REVELATIONS

There are in the world today some nine hundred million Muslims who unhesitatingly accept that the Holy Qur'an is the "Word of God" and that it is a "Miracle." Why should they not, when even avowed enemies are paying unsolicited tributes regarding the Miraculous nature of this Book of God. Rev. R. Bosworth-Smith in his book "Mohamed and Mohammedanism" opines abo the Qur'an as "A MIRACLE OF PURITY OF STYLE WISDOM AND OF TRUTH." Another Englishman ... Arberry in his preface to his translation of the Holy Can an says "WHENEVER I HEAR THE QUR'AN CHANTED, IT IS AS THOUGH I AN LISTENING TO MUSIC, UNDERNEATH THE FLOWING MELODY THERE IS SOUNDING ALL THE TIME THE INSISTENT BEAT OF A DRUM, IT IS LIKE THE BEATING OF MY HEART." From these words as well as from the rest of his preface he sounds like a Muslim, but died a Christian.

And yet another Briton, Marmaduke Pickthall in the Foreword to his translation of the Holy Qur'an describes it as "THAT INIMITABLE SYMPHONY, THE VERY SOUNDS OF WHICH MOVE MEN TO TEARS AND ECSTASY." This man embraced Islam before translating the Qur'an, and we are not in a position to verify whether he felt the above effect before or after his conversion to Islam. Be that as it may, friends and foe alike pay ungrudging tributes to the Last and Final Revelation of God, the Holy Qur'an. The contemporaries of Muhummed saw in its Beauty and Majesty, the Nobility of its Call and the Magnanimity of its Message the Sign and Miracle of God's Handiwork, and accepted Islam. To all the tributes and testimonies; the unbeliever and the sceptic will say that these are all subjective feelings, and further he will seek refuge in the fact that he does not know Arabic. "I do not see what you see, nor do I feel as you feel. How am I to know that God exists and that it is He Who inspired His Messenger Muhummed with that beautiful Message; the Qur'an?" He continues, "I am not averse to the beauty of its philosophy, its practical ethics and high morality. I am prepared to concede that Muhummed was a sincere man and he gave many beautiful precepts for human welfare. What I cannot subscribe to is what you Muslims claim, 'a supernatural authority for his dictums'."

To this kind of sympathetic yet sceptical mentality the Author of the Book (Al-Qur'an) uses various types of arguments to resolve his doubts. To the atheists and agnostics, to the cynics and the sceptics, who have a super-abundance of scientific knowledge and who consider themselves to be "intellectual giants," the point is driven home that in reality they are like stunted "dwarfs." Like the dwarf who may have acquired abnormal development in any one particular direction at the expense of other parts of his faculty, like an oversized head on a puny

body. The Supreme Creator questions him . . .

But before we pose God's question to him, let me satisfy my own curiosity. "You men of science who have studied astromony and who study our Universe through your mighty telescopes as if scrutinising an object in the palm of your hand; tell me how did this Universe come into being?" This man of science though lacking in spiritual insight, is nevertheless most generous in sharing his knowledge. He readily responds. "Well," he begins, "billions of years ago our Universe was a single piece of matter, and there happened a 'big bang' in the centre of that huge lump of matter and mighty chunks of matter began flying in all directions. Out of that 'big bang' our solar system came into being as well as the galaxies, and since there is no resistance in space to that primordial momentum generated by the initial explosion, the stars and the planets swim along in their orbits. Ours is an 'expanding' universe. The galaxies are receding away from us at a faster and faster rate, and once they reach the speed of light, we will not be able to see them anymore. We must construct bigger and better telescopes as quickly as possible to study the sights, if not we will miss the bus'."

"When did you discover this fairy tale?" We ask. "No, these are not fairy tales but scientific facts!" Our friend replies. "All right, I accept your facts for what you say, but when did you really stumble upon these facts?" "Only yesterday!" He replies. Fifty years is only "yesterday" in the history of man. An illiterate Arab in the desert over 1400 years ago could never have had your knowledge of the 'big bang' and of your 'expanding universe,' could he?" we ask. "No, never!" He retorts in boast. "Well, then listen to what he uttered under inspiration from God:

أوكر يرالنين كفرق

DO NOT THE UNBELIEVERS (the atheists and the agnostics) SEE

أَنَّ التَمْانِ وَالْرَمْ ضَ

THAT THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH

كانتارتقا

WERE JOINED TOGETHER (as one unit of creation),

ففتقنهما

BEFORE WE CLOVE THEM ASUNDER? . . . (Holy Qur'an 21:30)

and

وهوالإنى خكن

AND IT IS HE (God Almighty) WHO CREATED

الين والتهار

THE NIGHT AND THE DAY.

والقمس والقيرا

AND THE SUN AND THE MOON:

كُلُّ فِي فَلْكِ يَسْبُعُونَ

ALL (the celestial bodies) SWIM ALONG, EACH IN ITS ROUNDED COURSE

(Holy Qur'an 21:33)

"Can't you see that these words are specifically addressed to YOU the men of science, the geographers, the astronomers, who after having made amazing discoveries and conveying these discoveries to mankind, still remain so 'BLIND' as not to 'SEE' its Author?" "With our Sciences and Cylopaedias, we are apt to forget the DIVINENESS, in those laboratories of ours." Says Thomas Carlyle. "Where on earth, could a camel driver in the desert have gleaned 'your facts' Fourteen hundred years ago, except from the Maker of the 'BIG BANG' Himself?"

"And YOU biologists who seem to have your fingers on all organic life, and yet You have the temerity to deny the existence of the Source of that Life, i.e. God: tell me, according to your vaunted research, where did Life originate?" Like his 'unbelieving' astronomer companion in science, he too begins — "Well, over billions of years ago primaeval matter in the sea began to generate protoplasm out of which came the amoeba; and out of that mire in the sea came all living things. In a word ALL LIFE came from the sea, i.e. WATER!"

"And when did you stumble across this fact that all living things came from water?" The answer is as same as his astronomer friend, "Yesterday." "No man of learning, no philosopher or poet could ever have guessed your discovery fourteen centuries back, could he?" Our biologist is as emphatic as the astronomer. "No, never!" says he. "Well, you just listen to this unlettered son of the desert":

وجعلنا من الماء

AND WE MADE FROM WATER

كُلُّ شَيْءٍ حِيْ

افلا يُؤمِنُونَ ٥

WILL THEY (The unbelievers, the atheists and the agnostics) THEN NOT BELIEVE?

(Holy Qur'an 21:30)

It will not be difficult for you to note that these words of the Omnipotent, Omniscient Creator of the Universe were addressed to YOU men of knowledge in answer to your scepticism TODAY, their real import was beyond the dwellers of the desert fourteen centuries ago. The Author is reasoning with YOU, you men of science; how can YOU not believe in God? You should be the LAST to deny His existence and yet you are the FIRST! What sickness has overtaken YOU?

A-N-D to the botanists, and the zoologists and apphysicists who, despite their amazing insight into the nature of things, refuse to acknowledge a Master Creator. Let them then account for these utterances of Muhummed the mouthpiece of God.

سُبُعِنَ الَّذِي

GLORY BE TO HIM (GOD ALMIGHTY)

خَلَىٰ الْأَزْوَاجَ كُلُهَا

WHO CREATED IN PAIRS ALL THINGS.

مِمَّا تُنبِّتُ الْأَرْضُ

OF THAT WHICH THE EARTH PRODUCES, (the vegetable kingdom)

وُمِنَ ٱنْفَيِهِمُ

AS WELL AS THEIR OWN (Human) KIND (the animal kingdom)

وَمِعْالا يَعْلَمُونَ

AND (other)THINGS OF WHICH THEY HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE (like in physics)

(Holy Qur'an 36:36)

The verses from this Book of God are self explanatory. Students of the Qur'an saw the unmistakable Finger of God in every new discovery that man made. These were the "Signs," the "Miracles" from his Beneficent Lord and Cherisher to remove his doubts and strengthen his faith.

اِتَ فِي ذَلِكَ

. IN THESE ARE

كزيتٍ لِلْعٰلِمِينَ

SIGNS FOR A PEOPLE OF LEARNING

(Holy Qur'an 30:22)

What an irony! It is the 'people of learning' who are actually rebellious! Their vast material knowledge has puffed them up with pride. They lack the genuine humility which goes together with all true knowledge.

CHAPTER 3

THE PURITY OF THE HOLY BOOK

The foregoing were the Miracles for yesterday's people from the Book of God - the Holy Qur'an. But what about today? In this "Age of the Miracle Chip" and the electronic wizards — the Computers — "THE CHILD OF MAN'S BRAIN RATHER THAN HIS LOINS." (Refer "TIME" Magazine Feb. 20, 1978). With the aid of the electronic computer we have just stumbled across a new facet of the Holy Qur'an, which makes this Book of God the "Ultimate Miracle of Creation." The simplest definition of a Miracle is: AN ACT BEYOND HUMAN POWER. How can we prove to the satisfaction of every atheist and every agnostic; every Christian and Communist that the Holy Our'an is the very Word of God and that it is a Miracle of Miracles? We will have to convince them with exact science, through mathematics, for mathematics is never partial and its appeal and language is universal

To be able to see, feel, touch and examine this Miracle of the Qur'an, the American or the Chinese, the Russian, the African or the Asian does not have to know or master the language of the Qur'an — ARABIC. The only prerequisites are — eyes to see and the ability to count at least up to 19 (10+9).

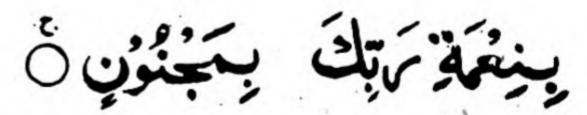
To fully appreciate this latest Miracle, we have to begin at the beginning of the Qur'anic Revelation. We do know that the Qur'an, as we have it today, follows what is called, its "traditional" order of numbering as arranged at the direct instruction of the Holy Prophet before his demise. But the Qur'an was not revealed in that order. Its "chronological" order is different. The whole Qur'an was revealed to Muhummed a little at a time, according to his immediate needs; like "previews," "spot news," or "news flashes."

We remember his FIRST CALL. He was in a cave some three miles north of the City of Makkah. It was the 27th of the month of Ramadaan. He was forty years of age. He had gone to this cave as was his practise, sometimes alone, but often with his dear wife Ummul Momineen Khadijatul-Kubra, (R.A.) the "Mother of the Believers," for peaceful quiet and contemplation. On this occasion he was alone. He saw a vision in which the Archangel Gabriel commanded him in his mother tongue, "Iqra!"(3) On his first visit by Gabriel he was given the first 5 verses of Sura Al-Alaq, which is now the 96th Chapter of the Holy Qur'an (see Fig. 1 Page 15). God had chosen him to be His mouthpiece. But to Muhummed this was no graduation or gowning ceremony. He was not prepared for such a shock. He hurried home to his beloved wife for assurance and support. He felt bewildered and rudderless.

After the initial shock was over, he contemplated the Message in his mind. A taste and yearning was created for more. There was a long wait during which time he began to talk of God and a higher, nobler life. Tongues began to wag. The babblers began to insinuate that Muhummed was "mad or possessed." In answer to this charge — on the second visit by Gabriel — He was given a few more verses of what now occupies the 68th Chapter of the Holy Qur'an, known as **Sura Al-Qalam.** (See Fig. 2 Page 16). At this juncture, I only wish to draw the reader's attention to verse 2 of this revelation:

مأآنت

THOU ART NOT,



BY THE GRACE OF THY LORD, MAD OR POSSESSED.

(Holy Qur'an 68:2)

⁽³⁾ This First Revelation has been dealt from different points of view in a booklet entitled — "WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT MUHUMMED," available also free from the Centre.

MUHUMMED'S FIRST CALL

Sura XCVI.

Ignat, or Read! or Proclaim!

Or 'Alaq, or The Clot of Congealed Blood.

In the name of God, Most Gracious, Most Merciful.



1. READ! IN THE NAME OF THY LORD AND
CHERISHER, وَالْمُورُالِكُ اللّٰهِ كُورُالِكُ اللّٰهِ كُورُالِكُ اللّٰهِ كُورُالِكُ اللّٰهِ كُورُالِكُ اللّٰهِ كَالْمُورُلِكُ اللّٰهِ كَالْمُورُلُكُ اللّٰهِ كَالْمُورُلِكُ اللّٰهِ كَالْمُورُلُكُ اللّٰهِ كَالْمُورُلُولُ كَاللّٰهِ كَاللّٰهِ كَاللّٰهِ كَاللّٰهِ كَاللّٰهُ كَاللّٰهِ كَاللّٰهِ كَالْمُورُلُولُ كَاللّٰهِ كَاللّٰهُ كَاللّٰهِ كَاللّٰهِ كَاللّٰهِ كَاللّٰهِ كَاللّٰهِ كَاللّٰهِ كَاللّٰهِ كَاللّٰهِ كَاللّٰهِ كَاللّٰهُ كَاللّٰهِ كَاللّٰهُ كَاللّ

- 2. CREATED MAN
 OUT OF (MERE)
 CLOT OF CONGEALED

 BLOOD:
- 3. READ! AND THY LORD IS MOST BOUNTIFUL, -
- افرأورتبك الأكرم ا
- 4. HE WHO TAUGHT (THE USE OF) THE PEN,
- النيئ عَلْمُ بِالْقَلْمِ فَ
- 5. TAUGHT MAN THAT WHICH HE KNEW NOT.

عَلْمُ الْإِنْسَانَ مَالَمُ يَعْلَمُ

THESE WERE THE 1st FIVE VERSES OF SURA "AL-ALAQ" NOWOCCUPYING THE 96th CHAPTER OF THE HOLY QURAN THAT WERE REVEALED TO THE HOLY PROPHET BY THE ARCHANGEL GABRIEL ON HIS FIRST VISIT.

2 nd REVELATION

NOTE VERSE TWO IS IN ANSWER TO A CHARGE

Sora LXVIII.

Qalam, or The Pen, or Nun

In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful.



1. NUN BY THE PEN AND BY THE (RECORD) WHICH (MEN) WRITE, ا-ن والقلم وكاينظرون م

2. THOU ARE NOT BY THE GRACE OF THY LORD MAD OR POSSESSED.

مدماً أنن بنغه ترتك بِعَجْنُونِ أَ

- A POR THEE IS A REWARD UNFAILING المحكون اغير مسنون المحكور ا
- 4. AND MOST
 CERTAINLY THOU
 STANDEST ON AN
 EXALTED STANDARD
 OF CHARACTER

٧- وَإِنَّكَ لَعَلَى خُلْقَ عَظِيمِ

Holy Qur'an: 68:1-4

Fig. 2

In this verse God Almighty rebuffs the accusations of the detractors. Muhummed was the sanest and wisest of men, but it is a habit with mankind to call Truth Falsehood and Wisdom Madness. His great predecessor, Jesus Christ, was not exempt from such calumnies from his enemies either. We find the following recorded in the Christian Gospels. "And many said, he hath a devil, and is mad; why hear ye him?" (John 10:20). Even His dear companions at times thought that Jesus (May peace be upon him) was bereft of sanity — "And when his friends heard of it, they went out to lay hold of him: for they said, he is beside himself. And the scribes which came down from Jerusalem said, he hath Beelzebub (Satan), and by the prince of the devils casteth he out devils." (Mark 3:21-22). Despite this and other miraculous performances we are told — "For neither did his brethren believe in him." (John 7:5) Fortunately Muhummed was not that unlucky. His first and lasting converts were those nearest and dearest to him, those that knew him best.

We are agreed that the Second Revelation (Fig. 2 Page 16) was in answer to a CHARGE. Then came the third visit by Gabriel, when Muhummed was given the first few verses of **Sura Muzzammil**, which is now the 73rd Chapter of the Holy Qur'an. (See Fig. 3 Page 18). Here, I only wish to draw your attention to the fifth verse where the Almighty says:

ه النَّاسُنُلُقِي عَلَيْكَ قَوْلًا ثَقِيلًان

SOON SHALL WE SEND DOWN TO THEE A WEIGHTY MESSAGE.

(Holy Qur'an 73:5)

To Muhummed, the humble servant of the Lord, everything he was receiving was good, beautiful, important, weighty. But the Author of Revelation had really something extraordinary for His Messenger.

On the fourth visit Hazrat Jibraeel alai-his-Salaam (for this is how we call Gabriel) gave our Nabee over half of Sura Muddaththir, the 74th Chapter of the Holy Qur'an, 3 3RD

VISIT BY GABRIEL

Sura LXXIII.

Muzzammil or Folded in Garments.

In the name of God, Most Gracious,

Most Merciful.



1. O thou folded In garments بَأَيُّهُا الْمُرَّمِّلُ فَ

Stand (to pray) by night,
 But not all night —

فَمِرِ النَّبُلُ إِلَّا فَلِيلًا ۞ "

نَصْفَةُ إوانفُصُ مِنْهُ قَلِيلًا ﴿ وَانْفُصُ مِنْهُ قَلِيلًا ﴿ انْفُصُ مِنْهُ قَلِيلًا ﴿ انْفُصُ مِنْهُ قَلِيلًا ﴿ الْقُصُ مِنْهُ قَلِيلًا ﴿ الْقُصُ مِنْهُ قَلِيلًا ﴿ الْقُصْ مِنْهُ قَلِيلًا ﴿ اللَّهِ اللَّهُ اللَّهِ اللَّهِ اللَّهُ الللَّهُ الللللَّا اللَّهُ الللَّهُ الللَّهُ اللَّ

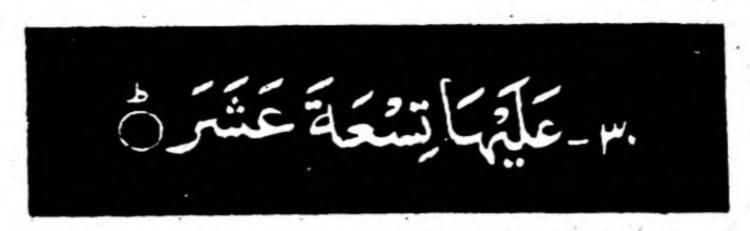
4. Or a little more;
And recite the Qur-an
In slow, measured rhythmic tones.

آوُ زِدُعَكَبِهِ وَرَبِّلِ الْفُرُانَ تَرُبِيلًا فَ

5. Soon shall We send down 1
To thee a weighty Message

اِتَّاسَنُلْقِي عَلَيْكَ قَوُلًا ثَقِبُلًا ﴿

from verse 1 to 30. (See Fig. 4 Page 20), ending with verse thirty:



OVER IT ARE NINETEEN.

So far, Muhummed is now given the biggest volume of verses at any one sitting. He was being attuned, so to say, from the First Revelation of five verses to verses now reaching thirty. If the Revelation had continued for another 26 verses of the Sura under review, the Chapter would have been completed. But Gabriel stops at verse 30 of Chapter 74.

FOURTH VISIT: Ch. 74

Sura LXXIV. Muddaththir.or One Wrapped Up. In the name of God. Most Gracious. Most Merciful.	ونسوالله الرّحين الرّحين
1. Thou wrapped up (In a mantle)!	١- يَايُهَا الْمُنَاثِرُهُ
2. Arise and deliver thy warning!	٧-قَمْ فَأَنْ فِنْ وَصْ
3. And thy Lord O. Do thou magnify!	٣-وَرَبُّكُ فَكَ عَبْرُ
4. And thy garments Keep free from stain!	٣-وَثِيَابُكُ فَطُهِرُ وَ
5. And All abomination shun!	٥-وَالرُّجْزَ فَاهْجُرُ
6. Nor expect, in giving. Any increase (for thyself)!	٧- وَلَا تَعْنَىٰ تَسْنَكُوْرُ
7. But for thy Lord's (Cause) be patient And Constant!	٤- و لرتك فاضرر ٥
Continued up	to verse 30
30. Over it are Nineteen.	عَلَيْهَا تِنْعَهُ عَشَرَ

CHAPTER 4

AUTHENTICATION FROM THE GIANTS OF LITERATURE

A cursory glance at the context of verse thirty (See Fig. 5 Page 22) will show that this verse thirty is also an answer; it is again an answer to another ALLEGATION. At first the unbelievers accused Muhummed of "madness." Now, seeing that people were slowly but surely responding to his call, that some of their own relations began accepting Muhummed's Message and some of his converts were respected members of the community, they changed their charge from "madness" to "SORCERY." They alleged that Muhummed, with his beautiful recitation of the Qur'anic verses, was now mesmerising people!

Before meeting this new charge, allow me to quote the testimony of Thomas Carlyle who, in his aforementioned speech in defence of Muhummed, refuted the pagan allegation so beautifully: "FORGER AND JUGGLER? NO, NO! THIS GREAT FIERY HEART, SEETHING, SIMMERING LIKE A GREAT FURNACE OF THOUGHTS, WAS NOT A JUGGLER'S." The superstitious pagans of Makkah who failed to understand divine guidance, sought to explain its wonderful effects upon the lives of men and women who were living as animals, by naming that influence "magic" or "sorcery." They were the product of their day and age, of their environment.

Studying the verses in their context (See Fig. 5 Page 22) we find that we have already disposed of that disbelieving allegation contained in verse 24, i.e. "THIS IS NOTHING BUT MAGIC..." But the allegation in verse 25 chapter 74 is grave, and the sickness of the unbelievers in Muhummed's day is still current in the minds of even sincere and charitable non-Muslim friends of Islam. Even

24. Then said he: "This is nothing but magic. Derived from of old;	١٠٠٠-فقال الدين من المان من الرين المن من المان الم
25. "This is nothing but The word of a mortal!"	١٥-إن هٰنَ آلِا قَوْلُ الْبُعُرِدُ
26. Soon will I Cast him into Hell-Fire!	٣٠-سأضلينه سَقَرَه
27. And what will explain To thee what Hell-Fire is?	١٠-و مَا ادُنك مَاسَعَرُ ٥
28. Naught doth it permit To endure, and naught Doth it leave alone!—	٥٤٤٤٠٠٠ وكونكون
29. Darkening and changing The colour of man!	١٩- لواحة للبئيرة
30. Øver it are Nineteen.	٣-عَلَيْهَا رِسْعَةَ عَشَرَ ٥
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Thomas Carlyle is not free from that bias. That persistent sickness or aberration is to attribute to Muhummed the authorship of the Qur'an. Muhummed claims that the words of the Qur'an are given to him by inspiration, but the enemy says:

إِنْ هَنْ آلِلا قَوْلُ الْبُعْرِهُ

"THIS IS NOTHING BUT THE WORD OF A MORTAL!"

Chapter 74: Verse 25 (See Fig. 5 Page 22)

In other words the unbeliever is saying that it was Muhummed who was writing the Qur'an. It is he who is giving out his own words as being the Word of God: that he had manufactured the Book, that he had concocted it; that he had forged it. Perhaps, they surmised be must have copied his Book — the Qur'an — from the pass and the Christians.

Let me give you some of the glowing tributes paid by non-Muslim critics of Islam who have wittingly or unwittingly fallen into this error of believing that Muhummed wrote the Qur'an:

1. Gibbon: The master historian in his "Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire" opines about Islam and the Qur'an: "THE CREED OF MOHAMMAD IS FREE FROM THE SUSPICIONS OF AMBIGUITY, AND THE QUR'AN IS A GLORIOUS TESTIMONY TO THE UNITY OF GOD."

And yet this great man died an agnostic!

2. Thomas Carlyle, one of the greatest thinkers of the past century, in his "Heroes and Hero Worship" under the rubric 'The Hero as Prophet,' exclaims about the Message of Muhummed: "THE WORD OF SUCH A MAN IS A VOICE DIRECT FROM NATURE'S OWN HEART. MEN DO AND MUST LISTEN TO THAT AS TO NOTHING ELSE; ALL ELSE IS WIND IN COMPARISON." In other words, 'all else is hot air, rubbish in comparison to what this man Muhummed is talking'— this great thinker died an Anglican Christian.

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- 3. Rev. R. Bosworth-Smith, a Christian missionary in his book "Mohammed and Mohammedanism," is forced to testify about Muhummed and the Qur'an—"ILLITERATE HIMSELF, SCARCELY ABLE TO READ OR WRITE; HE WAS YET THE AUTHOR OF A BOOK, WHICH IS A POEM, A CODE OF LAWS, A BOOK OF COMMON PRAYERS, AND A BIBLE—ALL IN ONE. AND IS REVERENCED TO THIS DAY BY A SIXTH OF THE WHOLE HUMAN RACE AS A MIRACLE OF PURITY OF STYLE, OF WISDOM AND OF TRUTH. IT IS THE ONE MIRACLE CLAIMED BY MOHAMMED, HIS STANDING MIRACLE HE CALLED IT, AND A MIRACLE INDEED IT IS!" And yet Bosworth-Smith died a Trinitarian!
 - 4. La Martine, the French historian, in his "History of the Turks" summarises his magnificent tribute to Muhummed in these words: "PHILOSOPHER, ORATOR, APOSTLE, LEGISLATOR, WARRIOR, CONQUEROR OF IDEAS, THE RESTORER OF RATIONAL BELIEFS, OF A CULT WITHOUT IMAGES; THE FOUNDER OF TWENTY TERRESTRIAL EMPIRES AND ONE SPIRITUAL EMPIRE—THAT IS MUHAMMAD. WITH REGARDS ALL STANDARDS WHEREBY HUMAN GREATNESS MAY BE MEASURED, WE MAY WELL ASK, "IS THERE ANY MAN GREATER THAN HE?" La Martine has answered his own question in the question itself by implication, that NO MAN IS GREATER THAN HE! Muhummed is indeed the greatest! And yet this noble Frenchman died out of the pale of Islam.
 - 5. Jules Masserman, United States Psychoanalyst in the "TIME" Magazine of July 15, 1974, in his contribution to a special section on "Where are the Leaders?" Finally concludes his finding after analysing the various greatmen of history: "PERHAPS THE GREATEST LEADER OF ALL TIMES WAS MOHAMMED" strangely enough as a Jew, he puts his own hero, the Holy Prophet Moses, 'A CLOSE SECOND'. Jesus and Buddha are really outclassed according to his objective standards. (For his complete quotation and the 'yardstick' this Professor of the Chicago University has used, please refer to the booklet "WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT MUHUMMED" available free on request from the "Centre.")

6. Michael H. Hart, described as an American astronomer, historian and mathematician has just published a book of 572 pages, entitled "The 100," or "The Top 100" or "The Greatest 100 in History?" After scrutinising the men (and women) in history from Adam until today, he selects his one hundred of the most influential men in history. He puts Muhummed THE TOPMOST OF HIS 100. The strange thing about his list is that he places his own Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, in the third position.

We may add numerous other non-Muslim luminaries like George Bernard Shaw, John Davenport, Mahatma Gandhi etc., who have paid unstinting tributes to Muhummed the Mighty Messenger of God, saying that 'Muhummed was one in a million'; that 'he was the greatest man in history', that 'he was the most successful of all religious personalities'; perhaps there will not be another like him in eternity! All this and more is very true about Muhummed. But these beautiful tributes create a problem for the Muslims. WHY DID THESE PEOPLE THEN NOT FOLLOW MUHUMMED; WHY DID THEY NOT ACCEPT ISLAM?

I was of the opinion that these non-Muslims were hypocrites, but I had judged them wrongly. In view of the newest Qur'anic discovery I have changed my opinion of these great men. Despite the fact that some of the above had put Muhummed above their own prophets and guides, they were not prepared to accept Islam because at the back of their minds they believed that it was Muhummed who had created Islam; that it was he who was the author of the Qur'an. Some of the above writers said so in unambiguous terms, others had subtly implied it. But on the whole everyone believed that the success of Muhummed was on account of his own human genius.

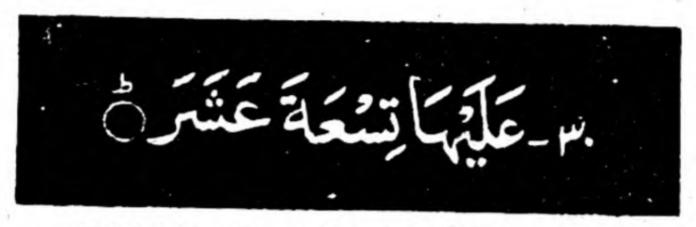
The latest in this catalogue of praise is Michael H. Hart. After saying that Muhummed was the most influential man in history — both in the secular and the religious fields — he tries to justify his conclusion in his essay. While doing this he clearly states, on page 39 of his book, what must be his subconscious reason for not embracing Islam: "MOREOVER, HE IS THE AUTHOR OF THE MOSLEM HOLY SCRIPTURES, THE KORAN; A

COLLECTION OF CERTAIN OF MUHUMMED'S INSIGHTS THAT HE BELIEVED HAD BEEN DIRECTLY REVEALED TO HIM BY ALLAH." Note the words in italics in this quotation "HE IS THE AUTHOR" and in No. 2 above — Thomas Carlyle, who says: "THE WORD OF SUCH A MAN..." and in No. 3, Rev. Bosworth-Smith, who said: "HE WAS YET THE AUTHOR OF A BOOK..." (All italics in these quotations are mine). Here, then, are the clues for their non acceptance of Islam the Religion from God, as Allah describes the allegation of unbelievers saying in 74:25 — "THIS IS NOTHING BUT THE WORD OF A MORTAL"; that is, that the Qur'an was 'MAN MADE.' (Refer Fig. 5 Page 22).

CHAPTER 5

"OVER IT ARE NINETEEN"

In answer to this false assumption, the Author (God Almighty) delivers a dire warning — "SOON WILL I CAST HIM INTO HELL FIRE! . . ." Ending the warning with the final sentence:



OVER IT ARE NINETEEN.

(Holy Qur'an 74:30)

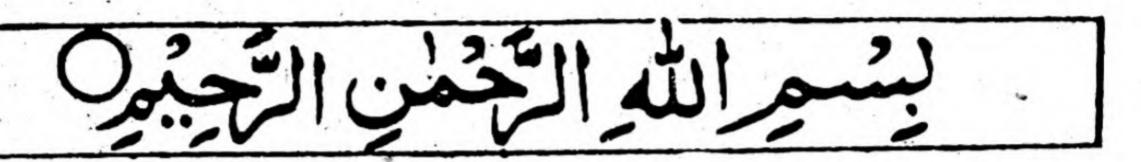
In other words, if anyone makes the false accusation against the Holy Prophet that he is the author of the Book of God, that person will have, among other things, "Nineteen" imposed upon him. He will have to reckon with "Nineteen."

WHAT IS THIS 'NINETEEN'?

Our great commentators of the past had conjectured beautiful guesses as to what this "19" implied. Some said it referred to the 19 angels who will be in control of the inmates of Hell; others said that the "19" refers to the 19 faculties of man and still others to the major pillars and commandments of Islam. (See Abdullah Yusuf Ali's and Moulana Daryabadi's commentaries). But every commentator ends his conjecture with the expression, "But Allah knows best." None of our commentators have been arrogant or dogmatic in his assertions. But why 'Allah knows best.? Because our Holy Prophet did not explain the real implication of the figure 19. If he had explained it there would have been no reason for us to surmise.

"Nineteen" is simply a number. What did it mean to the Arabs before the revelation of this verse under discussion? It meant nothing other than 'ten plus nine' (10 + 9). From the time of its revelation until today, what other meaning has this number "19" acquired in 1400 years? Nothing! Nineteen still remains nineteen . . . (10 + 9).

In the languages of the world, different numbers connote different things, beside their own numerical values. An example is the number "786". Ask any Muslim child in South Africa what does "786" mean, and he will unhesitatingly answer:



meaning: "IN THE NAME OF ALLAH, MOST GRACIOUS, MOST MERCIFUL." How this is arrived at needs a detailed explanation. In a nutshell, the Hebrew and Arabic letters are given a certain traditional numerical value. If the numerical values of each letter of the above verse are added it comes to 786. "786", is therefore an abbreviated form or formula for the above verse.

In South Africa certain huge blocks of flats, when numbering the apartments begin with 1, 2, 3 . . . and after 12 they go to 12a, 14, 15 etc. Why 12a? Why do they omit 13? Don't they know how to write 13? You will get the answer that some people are superstitous and will not live in a flat which is numbered 13, because they consider this 13 to be an unlucky number. And what about "Friday the 13th?" Oh! That would mean bad luck upon bad luck. DOUBLE BAD LUCK! Then we have expressions like the "3rd degree," meaning physical torture. And ask any "hot-gospeller" what "666" is and you will be told that it refers to "the mark of the beast." He gets this idea from his Bible. In India and Pakistan if you wished to describe a shady character, a pickpocket, a cheat or a common thief, all you have to utter is the number 420 because all petty crimes are covered under Section 420 of the Indian Penal Code which Pakistan has also inherited. Similarly in the languages of the world; we have different numbers which have acquired meanings other than the numerical values themselves.

Is it not strange that though Muslims have been repeating the sentence — "Over it are Nineteen," for 1400 years, no secondary meaning has become attached to it? This number "19" of the Qur'an has remained uncontaminated. 19 still remains 19.

Since this number was given in answer to the charge—"That Muhummed wrote the Book." Its real Author—God Almighty knew what that "19" really implied. But if Muhummed wrote the Qur'an, in that case he too would definitely have known what he was talking about.

We know for a fact that the Qur'an is the very Word of God put into the mouth of Muhummed. This is what the Prophet claimed and this is what the Qur'an testifies:

ومَا يُنْطِيعُ عَنِ الْهُوى ٥

HE (Muhummed) DOES NOT SPEAK FROM HIS OWN DESIRE,

إِنْ هُو إِلَّا وَحَيْ يُونِي

IT IS NO LESS THAN AN INSPIRATION SENT DOWN TO HIM.

عَلَيْهُ شَدِيدُ الْقُوٰى ٥

HE IS TAUGHT BY ONE MIGHTY IN POWER.

(Holy Qur'an 53:3-5)

And he is made repeatedly to tell the people:

فل إتنها أنا بشر مِثلكم

SAY: "I AM BUT A MAN LIKE YOURSELVES.

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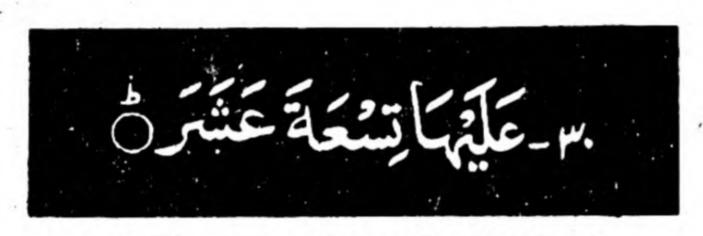
انتكاراله كفرالة قاحل

THAT YOUR GOD IS ONE GOD: . . ."

(Holy Qur'an 18:110)

Full acknowledging and believing as we Muslims do that Muhummed did not write or forge a single word of the Qur'an, yet by agreeing with his friendly critic, just for a moment, (and for the sake of argument that 'Muhummed did write the Book'), we will be able to show very quickly that "AL-QUR'AN IS THE ULTIMATE MIRACLE OF CREATION," and absolutely beyond the mind of man to conceive.

Perusing the chronological order of the Qur'anic Revelation, we find that verse 30 of **Sura Muddaththir** (Chapter 74).



.. OVER IT ARE NINETEEN.

was the last verse given to Muhummed by the Archangel Gabriel on his fourth visit. Gabriel on pausing here, instead of giving Muhummed the balance of the 26 verses of this Chapter which would have completed it — began to make him read the balance of Chapter 96 — the first Revelation. He was then given 14 more verses. On the first visit he was given just 5 verses to which 14 more were now added. How many verses does that make? "Nineteen'" is the answer. How did it happen that immediately after uttering the word "NINETEEN" of the above revelation, a Chapter with 19 verses is completed? The sceptic will most probably reply that this was sheer coincidence. Coincidences do occur. This we will have to agree.

But did you know that the first five verses of the very first Revelation (96:1-5) have just 19 words? That is 19 x 1. How did this happen? "Coincidence" again? Those 19 words consist of exactly 76 letters, which is a multiple of

19, i.e. 19 x 4. How did this happen? "Coincidence." This 96th Chapter! If we start counting backwards from the last Chapter 114, to 113 and 112 and 111 and so on, we find when we reach this Chapter 96, that it is the 19th Chapter from the end. How did it happen that the Chapter with 19 verses is interlocked in the 19th position from the end? "Coincidence" is the only available reply.

For anyone to write a book, he must first formulate it in his head. One cannot keep on scribbling for over two decades and then try to rehash it into a book. If Muhummed wrote the Qur'an then he would have been forced to formulate some scheme for himself as anybody else would have done. So, he would have had to say to himself (so to speak) that "I am going to write a very thick book. It will take me 23 years of my life to complete the task. I will have to divide the book into Chapters for easy reference and study by my followers." And then, let us suppose that he decided on 114 Chapters. Not 113 or 115 but 114. Why 114? Because it is an exact multiple of 19... (19 x 6). Did he(?) not say 'I will fix you with nineteen' to anyone who would attribute the authorship of the Qur'an to him? How did it happen that the e are just $19 \times 6 = 114$ Chapters in the Qur'an? Our well-disposed cynic or critic will respond with the same monotonous term - "coincidence"! Has he no other word in his vocabulary to explain this phenomenon? Obviously he has not! This is the sickness of man, that when he fails to account for any happening; he invents a word through which he bluffs himself that he has answered the problem. He takes refuge behind a word! The unbeliever is prepared to make the false charge that "Muhummed wrote the Book," but he is not prepared to credit that 1400 years ago this unlettered man of the desert, without paper and pencil to have been following a mathematical order in the production of his book.

We have stumbled across 5 "coincidences" already. Since the unbeliever is not prepared to concede that Muhummed could have achieved this impossibility, we will be generous enough to discount them all. We can afford this generosity. We do, however, agree with Muhummed's antagonists that it is an impossibility for

Muhummed to have been the author of the Qur'an on this basis. We are, however pressing the issue because the enemy makes an allegation but is not prepared to stand by it.

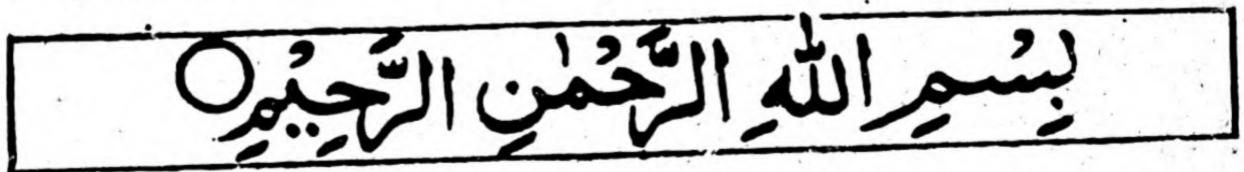
Friends and foe alike agree that Muhummed was a man of his word. Long before his prophethood, his fellow pagan countrymen had conferred upon him the high and enviable designation of — "As-sadiq al-Wa'd al-Ameen" — THE FULFILLER OF PROMISES, THE HONEST, THE TRUSTWORTHY, THE UPRIGHT. If this man Muhummed uttered — "Over it are nineteen" — "I will make you to reckon with nineteen; nineteen will be imposed upon you' He will definitely carry out his threat. Let us see to what great lengths Muhummed is supposed to go to fulfill his promise.

Let us suppose that Muhummed said to himself (?) that 'my Book will be an absolutely unique Book. No Book has ever been written before, nor will one ever be written in the future, a book based on a mathematical structure. I am going to evolve an intricate mathematical interlocking system to protect my Book from any kind of tampering. No man will be able to add, delete or interpolate a word to my completed text and that system will be based on the numeral 19!

Why 19? Is it because it is an easy number to work with? No! It is one of the most difficult to work with. It has no denominators. Unlike its sister number 18 which you can divide by 2, 3, 6 and by 9; and its other sister number 20 which you can divide by 2, 4, 5 and by 10, 19 is indivisible. It is a "prime" number in mathematics, and it is also a unique number because it begins with 1, the lowest numeral of our mathematical system and ends with 9, the* highest numeral of our mathematical system; it seems to be the "alpha and omega" of our mathematical system. Perhaps Muhummed knew the 19 times multiplication table: whereas Einstein the master mathematician did not know the 19 times table. I know. To what degree did Muhummed know the 19 times table? It must be supposed to have been to an infinite degree, we will discover as we go along, if we keep on insisting that Muhummed was the author of the Qur'an.

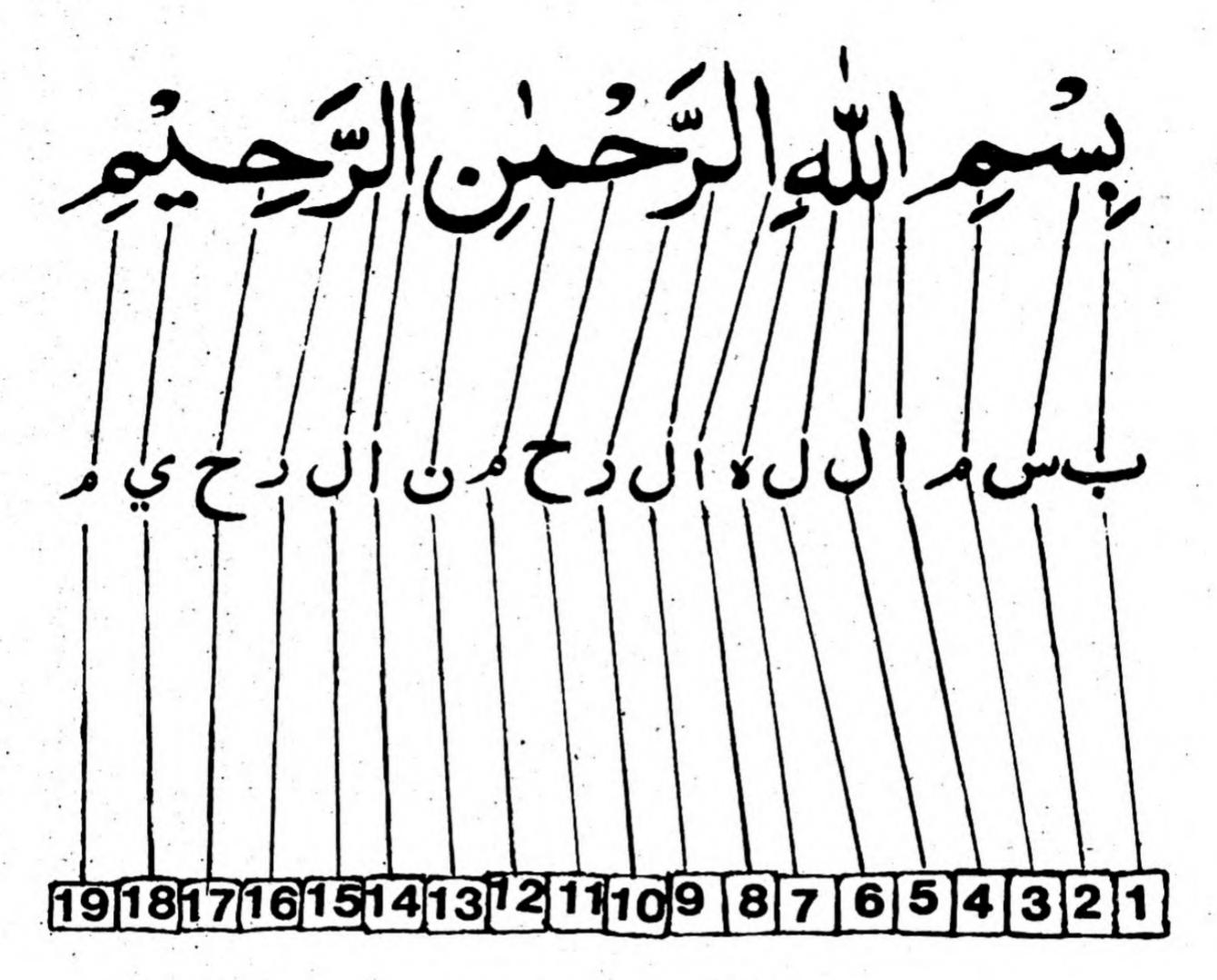
CALCULATIONS AND THE CENTURIES

To make his Book unique, Muhummed is supposed to have said to himself again: 'The first sentence of my Book must have 19 letters. How in heaven or earth is one to get a sentence with 19 letters to start a book, except by trial and error? If you and I dear reader, were to adopt such a hurdle to begin a book, we would have to begin guessing sentences that crop up in our minds. To give you my own example when I tried to experiment with this handicap, the sentence - "The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog" came foremost in my mind. I quickly counted the letters and alas they were 35. Too far out! What about Honesty is the best policy?" Sorry, just 3 letters too many. What about "Once upon a time" or "Ba ba black sheep?" You will simply have to write your thoughts and count the letters. There is no other way. I can give a logical explanation to these brain waves of mine and so would you if you tried this experiment; but to no avail. Perhaps in your lifetime you may not come across a sentence with 19 letters to start your book. But our author (?) Muhummed hit the "jackpot," He hit the "bull's eye." We must not forget we suppose him to have been a genius of geniuses. He began.



IN THE NAME OF ALLAH, MOST GRACIOUS, MOST MERCIFUL.

Count the letters, they are exactly NINETEEN: 19 x 1 = 19. (See Fig. 6 Page 34). I have made the counting easy for you. Please verify this fact for yourself before



عَلَيْهَا رِسْعَةُ عَشَرُ فَ

Over it are Nineteen.

19

Holy Qur'an: 74:30

Fig. 6

proceeding any further. How did this happen? "Coincidence!" blurts out materialist, sceptical friend. Since we had already discounted the 5 previous "coincidences," we will agree with our friend that this coincidence can happen now for the first time. But did Muhummed not say — "Over it are nineteen?" 'That nineteen will be imposed upon you,' that 'You will have to reckon with nineteen!' Yes, he did, but surely Muhummed could not have meant to be so literal in his (?) threat, reasons the unbeliever.

Say that Muhummed (?) again said to himself — 'This first sentence with 19 letters was too easy for me, what I am now going to do is — I will see to it that **every** word in this first sentence of mine will be repeated in my Book an exact number of times which will be a MULTIPLE of 19. To verify whether our Author (?) succeeded in this stupendous undertaking, we would have to have the Holy Qur'an computerised.(4) We have not the time and the patience to thumb through the Qur'an again and again to count each word and each letter. Let us then scrutinise the computerised data. (See Fig. 7 Page 36). The first word

meaning "NAME" occurs 19 times in the Qur'an, only (19 x 1 = 19). How did this happen? The unbeliever bleats — "coincidence." In our new list of coincidences this is now the second. The first time in your list of "coincidences" it was POSSIBLE, but surely a second time it is IMPROBABLE! However, let us ask the computer how many times the word imeaning "GOD" occurs in the Qur'an? "2698" comes the answer in an instant. Get out your calculators and divide by 19. 19 x 142 = 2698 on the dot is the answer. How did this happen? "Coincidence" again? "Yes." You do not see that it is beginning to get IMPOSSIBLE?! Let us see the next word meaning "THE MOST GRACIOUS." How many?

The answer is 57. (19 x 3 = 57). How did this happen? Yes, again. It must be a MIRACLE! The next word meaning "THE MOST MERCIFUL." How

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THE EXACT NO. OF TIMES EACH WORD OF THE ABOVE FORMULA OCCUR IN THE HOLY QURAN

19 TIMES (19 x 1)

Meaning "NAME"

2698 TIMES (19 x 142)

اللو

57 TIMES (19 x 3)

الرحس

Meaning "THE MOST GRACIOUS

114 TIMES (19 x 6)

Meaning "THE MOST MERCIFUL"

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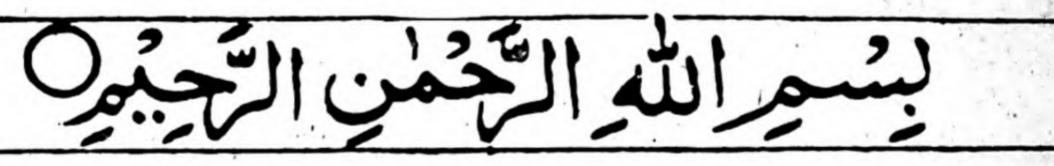
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Fig. 7

many times? The answer is 114, (19 x 6 = 114). How did this happen? "C-o-i-n-c-i-d-e-n-c-e" is the monotonous, but now barely audible reply. The odds of this happening is already more than a MIRACLE. It is more than what any man can do, even Muhummed.

The last word "The Most Merciful" occurs 114 times, the exact number of the Chapters of the Qur'an, as if fairly divided one "The Most Merciful" for each **Sura**. We do not have to be genuises to realise by now that Muhummed could never have worked out all this without any learning, without paper and pencil, without computers and calculators.

But for a Book to be from God, it must carry some proof of its authenticity. Every authentic document carries the seal of its source. A Summons or a Writ from the Supreme Court have their unmistakable seal. The passport has its seal embossed so that none can forge another picture into it. The Qur'an to have itself recognised as being from God should also carry such a stamp from God, And it does! The formula



"IN THE NAME OF ALLAH, MOST GRACIOUS, MOST MERCIFUL"

Whether written as here in a straightline or in the form of a monorgram as you see in (Fig. 8 Page 33). This seal may be made out of wood, rubber or metal. For the 114 Suras there must be 114 Seals, one for every Chapter of the Qur'an. Even a person not knowing Arabic will by now be able to recognise this Seal of God at the beginning of every Chapter of the Qur'an, but strange as it may seem at the beginning of Chapter 9 this formula is missing (See Fig. 9 Page 39). This creates a problem. There are 114 Suras and only 113 Seals, and 113 is not a multiple of 19, yet the author had set out as promised 'to make you reckon with 19.'

II4 SEALS



114 SURAS

بنسيم الله الرّحين الرّحيب يمر

In the name of God, Most Gracious, Most Merciful.

BUT WHAT ABOUT SURA 9?

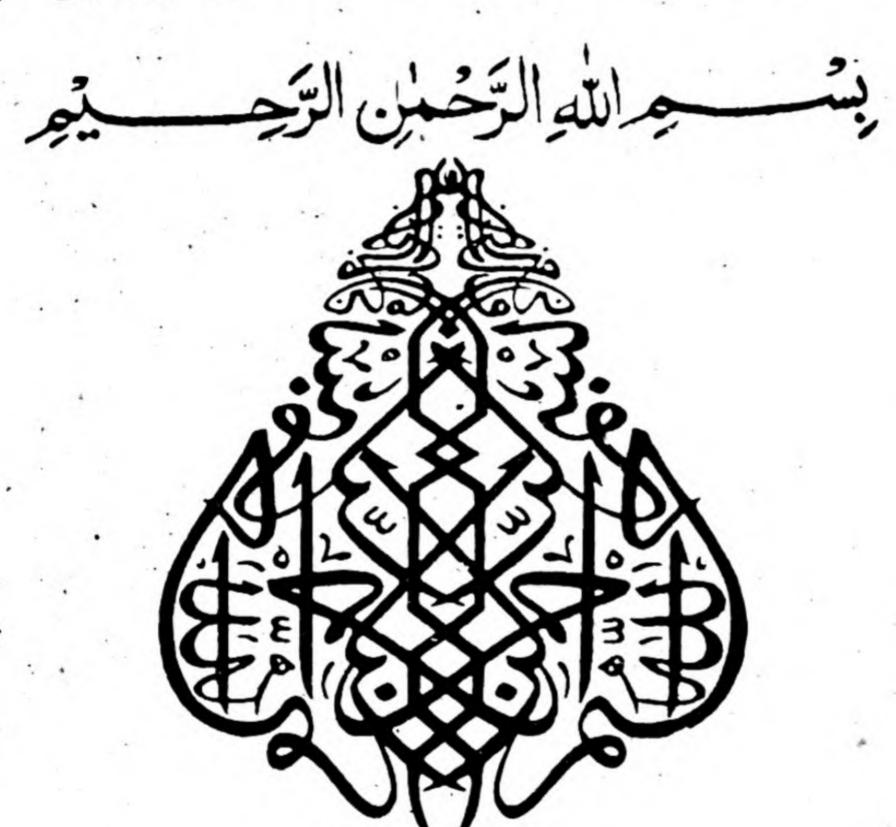


Fig. 8

NOTE THE ONLY" عبر الله الرحمن الرحبير + EXCEPTION, NO

Sura IX.

Tauba (Repentance) or Baraat (Immunity).

- 1. j-I (declaration) of immunity 'From God and His Apostle,
 To those of the Pagans
 With whom ye have contracted
 Mutual alliances:—
- 2. Go ye, then, for four months,
 Backwards and forwards,
 (As ye will), throughout the land,
 But know ye that ye cannot
 Frustrate God (by your falsehood)
 But that God will cover
 With shame those who reject Him.
- 3. And an announcement from God And His Apostle, to the people (Assembled) on the day Of the Great Pilgrimage,—
 That God and His Apostle Dissolve (treaty) obligations With the Pagans.
 If, then, ye repent, It were best for you;
 But if ye turn away.

Know ye that ye cannot Frustrate God. And proclaim A grievous penalty to those Who reject Faith. الى الذائن عامل أنه ورسوله الى الذائن عامل أنه ورسوله الى الذائن عامل أنه ورسوله المراب المنافر المنا

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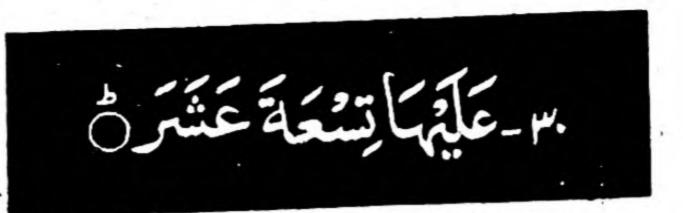
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SEE DIA. NO. 10 FOR ANSWER.

Fig. 9

OVER IT ARE NINETEEN



The beauty or the aesthetic value consists in smoothly overcoming problems in an act, whether in acrobatics, aerobatics, aquabatics or mathematics. Create a problem and then solve the problem. But how did the problem arise in Sura 9 in the first place? You see, Sura 9 is known as **Sura Tauba** meaning "Repentance." It is an ultimatum given to the "mushriks" who had just broken a treaty which they had solemnly entered into with the Muslims. Note that at the end of verse 3 (See Page 39) Allah says:

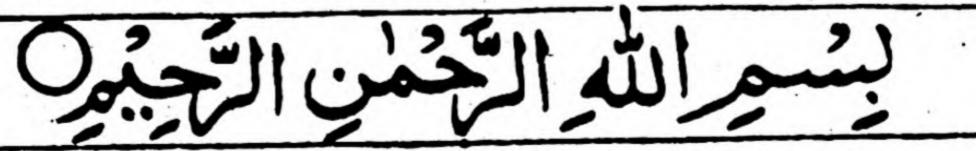
وَ بَشِيرِ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوْا

AND PROCLAIM TO THE UNBELIEVERS

بعناب الييرن

A GRIEVOUS PENALTY.

When the Lord delivers such a dire warning, argues the scholars, then it is not befitting that the verse should begin with the beautiful auspicatory prayer of Grace and Mercy. It is a normal procedure in human relationship that when one party unilaterally breaks a pledge or treaty that the aggrieved party will not go into niceities when warning or delivering an ultimatum. One does NOT begin—"I am a very kind hearted, magnanimous and compassionate fellow...but I will wring your neck if you do not hand back my wallet!" A very reasonable and logical explanation but that won't solve our problem— 114 SURAS and 113 BISMILLAHS



In short we are one "SEAL" short! Our Author (Allah and not Muhummed) was not oblivious of this fact. Watch Him solve His self-created problem. Like a Master Mathematician who creates problems only to awe us with His ability in solving them.

CHAPTER 7

THERE WAS NO HUMAN AUTHOR

In Chapter 27 - Sura Naml in verse 29 (See Fig. 10 Page 42). He introduces in a most subtle manner the story of Solomon the Wise and Bilgis, the Queen of Sheba. Solomon was not only a worldly-wise man but a Prophet guided by God. On his neighbouring territory lived a benevolent Queen ruling over a cultured people, but she and her people were "mushriks" - sun-worshippers by faith. Solomon writes to her with compassion for her and her people's spiritual welfare. She receives the letter. She esteems it well, but how is she to obtain a voluntary acceptance by her people to Solomon's invitation to the Religion of God? She understands the psychology of her nation. If once the leading chiefs among her subjects reject the invitation out of hand, she will have to move heaven and earth to make them say "yes" again. So she sets the court scene, calls up her Ministers and addresses. them:

29. "O Ye my Chiefs! Here is — delivered to me — an Epistle deserving of (great) respect.

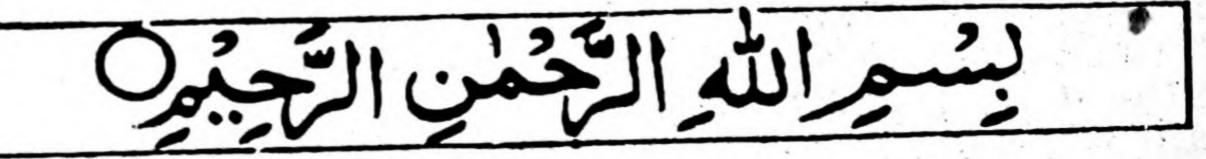
30. It is from Solomon, and is (as follows): 'In the Name

of God, Most Gracious, Most Merciful:

31. Be Ye not arrogant against Me, but come to Me in total submission (to God's Will')."

(Holy Qur'an 27:29-31)

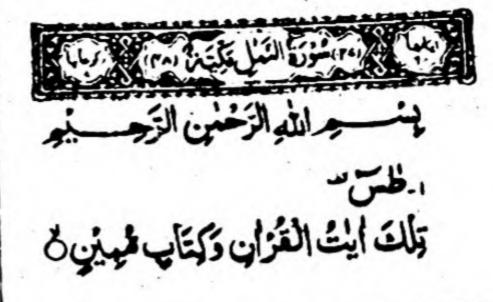
By a masterstroke of genius, our Author accomplishes His task of completing the 114 "SEALS" by so deftly inserting the "Bismillah"



Sora XXVII. Naml, or the Ants.

In the name of God, Most Gracious, Most Merciful.

1. Ma. Sin. These are verses Of the Qur-an, -a Book That makes (things) clear; . . .



SHE SAID: "O YE 29. MY MINISTERS! SURELY THERE HAS COME TO ME.A

RESPECT

30. "IT **BEGINS:** HE NAME OF GOD.

MOST GRACIOUS, MOST MERCIFUL.

SUBMISSION TO AGAINST ME, BUT COME TO ME IN GOD'S WILL." H.Q. 27:29-31.

THUS COMPLETING IN VERSE 30 -

THE 114 (A)

SEALS. بنسيرالله الرّحنين الرّح

(B) **THE 19** الله WORDS

THE 2698 (C)

THE 57 (D)

WORDS. الرَّحِسنية WORDS (E) THE 114 الرَّحْسَن

Over it are nineteen.

in the middle of the Sura. At the same time He fullfills His numerous other objectives in just three verses!

- 1 He gets His 114th Seal to have them shared out one each for the 114 Suras of the Holy Quran.
- Herein, again He teaches a lesson to the 'lords of the earth' not to be arrogant and haughty. Even as Rulers they must arrange their affairs by "MUTUAL DELIBERATIONS" (H.Q. 42:38) and that they should prepare their subordinates psychologically to accept the Message.
- That when you do write, write as in the presence of your "LORD MOST GRACIOUS, MOST MERCIFUL," Who is ever a Witness to all your hidden thoughts and motives.
- 4 Even from one earthly ruler to another, howsoever powerful the writer, and howsoever holy the Message, he must do it in all humility as the sight of God. And,
- 5 While doing all this our Author has also completed:
- (a) The 19 "Name" words of Qur'an.
- (b) The 2698 سلم "Allah" words of Qur'an.
- (c) The 57 الزَّحْسَنِ "Ar-Rahman" words of Qur'an.
- (d) The 114 "Ar-Rahim" words of Qur'an.

without this one "SEAL" in the middle of verse 30 above, we should have been short of one each of all these words as well as the complete Seal missing in Sura 9. Can you imagine a dweller of the desert, fourteen hundred years ago, without any learning and without paper and pencil, keeping record for twenty three years — in his head of every "Allah" word of the Qur'an, beside everything else we have seen so far? And then "resting on the seventh day" when he found that 2698 was an exact multiple of 19? It seems that this man Muhummed, if he did this job, must have had nothing else to do in life and have all eternity at his disposal to work out his mathematical equations. On the contrary, he was the busiest man in history. Refer to La Martine's quotations on Page 24 regarding the multifarious roles of Muhummed.

His pagan fellow countrymen were fiercely opposing his reforms; the Jews, Christians and Munafiqs of Medina, were all bent on destroying him and his religion: with his hands more than full, did he still have the leisure to keep count? How credulous can one get! Were all these mere coincidences?

So far we have barely touched the mathematical marvels of Muhummed. His (?) Book — the Qur'an is a unique Book in many respects. I as a layman can give you a dozen unique qualities of this Book of God. The scholar can no doubt give you more. Since we have been dealing above with the **mathematical** aspect, let us here expand on it.

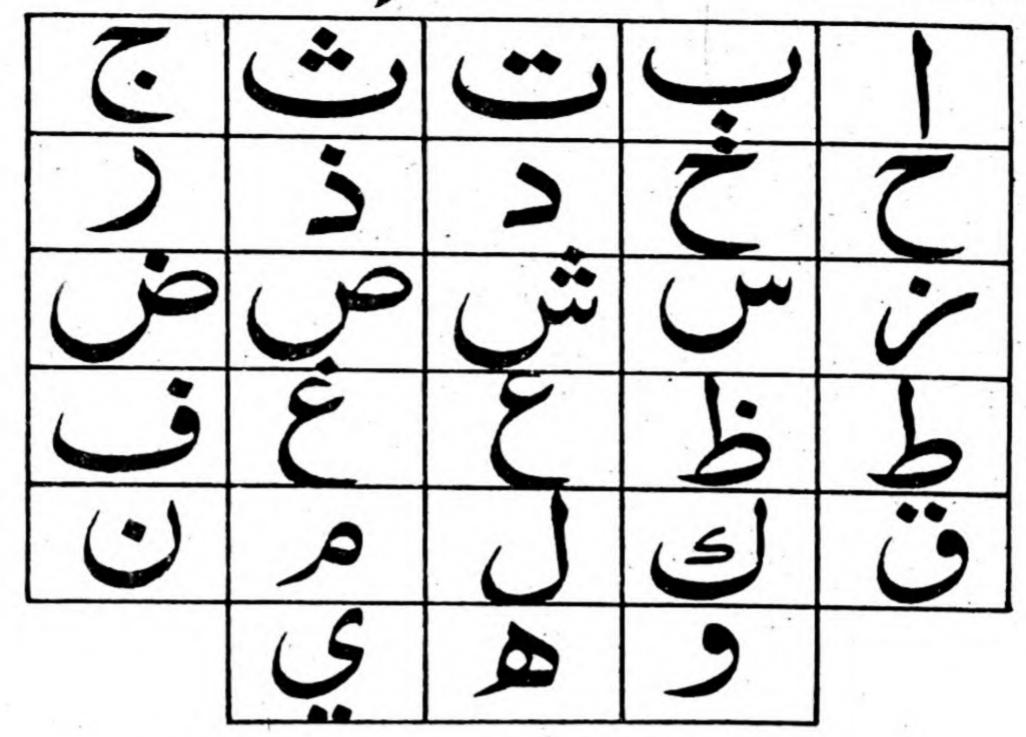
The Holy Qur'an is the only Book on the face of the earth, which has at the heading of certain chapters, certain "Initials" or "Code Letters" or as they are called in Arabic "Muqatta-aat" — meaning abbreviated letters. These Initials/Code Letters seem to have no apparent meaning.

Out of a total of 28 letters of the Arabic alphabet exactly half of them are involved in these Qur'anic "Initials." (See Fig. 12 Page 45). These 14 Letters are constituted into 14 different Combinations. (See Fig. 13 Page 46). These 14 different Combinations are repeated in the Holy Qur'an in 29 Chapters. (See Fig. 14 Page 47). If we add the 14 "Initials" to the 14 "Combinations" to the 29 "Suras," we obtain the total of 57, which happens to be an exact multiple of 19. (19 x 3 = 57) (See Fig. 15 Page 48). How did this happen? Coincidence again? Please!

If we give a second glance to Fig. 13 Page 46, we will readily observe that those 14 different Combinations consist of single, double, triple, four and five letters each. Taking a "single" letter **Sura** for examination, our obvious choice will fall on Sura 68 which is the last **Sura** in its traditional order of numbering, to have an "Initial," though it was the very first "Initialed" Sura to be revealed to Muhummed. It has the letter or "N" at the

head of Sura Al-Qalam. For some scholarly interpretations of this Qur'anic Initial, please see Abdullah Yusuf Ali's commentary, Note No. 5592. But since we have found the

The Muqattaat The abbreviated letters or Quranic initials

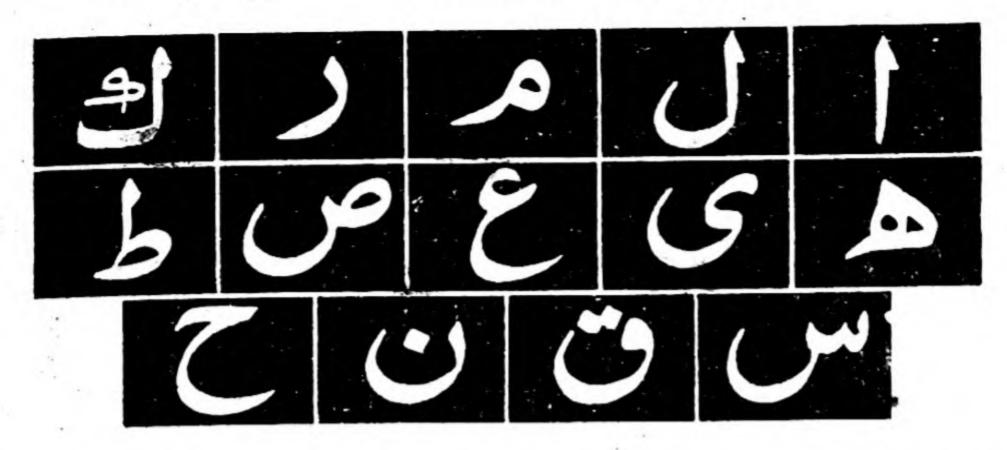


14 LETTERS シノクリー らいでいい

Exactly H A L F the Arabic alphabets involved

Fig. 12

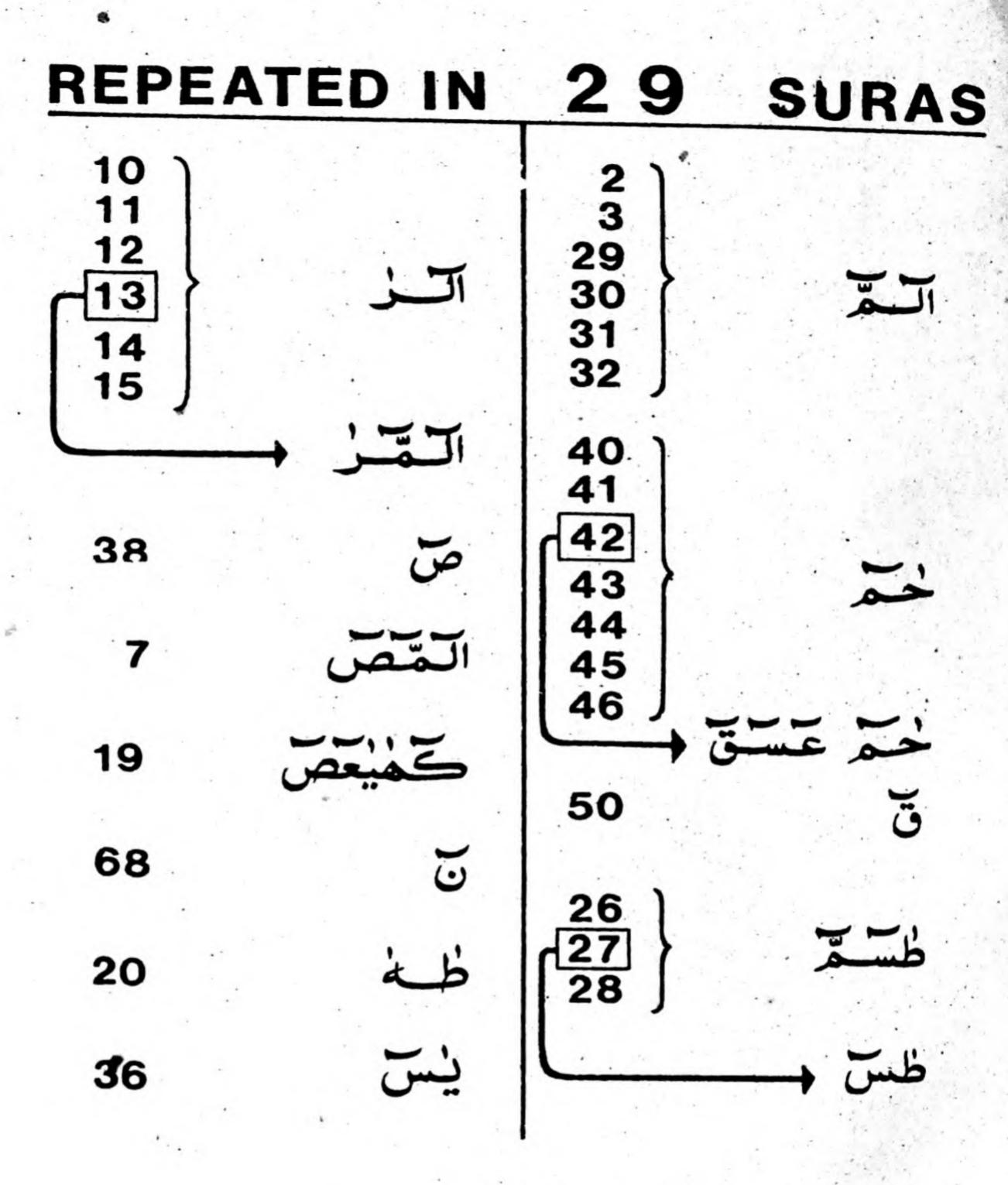
14 LETTERS



They occur in 14 different combinations

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Fig. 13



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ص	عن ا	الم	jā	كميا
ظه		عسن		ق

14 combinations

2	3	7	10	11	12	13	14
				27			
31	32	36	38	40	41	42	43
				68		•	•

29 suras

57= (19x3)

عَلَيْهَا تِنْعَةَ عَشَرَهُ Over it are Nineteen.

Fig. 15

number "19" as a convenient key in our discoveries of the miraculous nature of the Holy Qur'an, why not try and "N" which is really the first count the letter letter of Chapter 68. The answer is 133 Divide by 19. A calculator will be very handy. The answer is 7! 19 x 7 = 133. (See Fig. 16 Page 50). But please do not take my word for it, do yourself a favour by visually counting the for yourself. You will get a spiritual exhilara-

tion in doing so! It will not take you 5 minutes. How did it

happen that 133 s are again the exact multiple of 19? I shall not belabour you with the answer.

As you will observe from Fig. 14 Page 47 that there are 2 other Suras which have "single" Initials affixed to them. They are Sura Qaf No. 50 and Sura Sad No. 38. Further,

there are 2 Suras which have • Qaf as a common denominator, in Suras 50 and 42. Sura No. 50 begins

and is also entitled "Qaf." (See Fig. 17 Page 51). See also Fig. 18 Page 52 where Sura As-Shura (Chapter 42 has a 5 letter combination ending with Qaf. If



we add all the "Hā's" and the





and the "Ain's" and the



"Qaf's," we will get the grand and the total of 570 (19 x 30). Our Author hit the bull's eye again! It is getting to be heavy going! Let us stick to a single letter

"Qaf" the common denominator between Suras 42 and 50. Why try to ride five horses simultaneously as in a circus, when we have not mastered one?

You will note that we are dealing here with purely physical facts which anyone with eyes to see and the ability to count can verify. He can examine this MIRACLE personally and testify that this Holy Book is not manmade. You do not have to know the Arabic language as such to witness this awesome fact. No guesswork or con-



Sura LXVIII.

Qalam, or The Pen, or Nun
In the name of Allah, Most Gracious,
Most Merciful,



1. Dun. By the Pen And by the (Record) Which (men) write,—

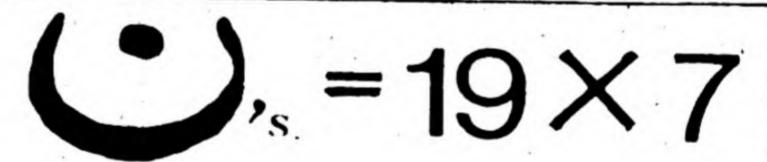
ن وَالْقَالِمِ وَمَا يَسْطُونُونَ ٥

2. Thou are not,
By the grace of thy
Lord,
Mad or possessed.

4. And thou (standest)
On an exalted standard
Of character.

و إِنْكَ لَعَلَىٰ خُلُنِ عَظِيْمٍ ۞

133



Over it are nineteen.

عَلَيْهَاتِنعَةَ عَشَرَق

►Holy Quran: 74:30. ←

Fig. 16

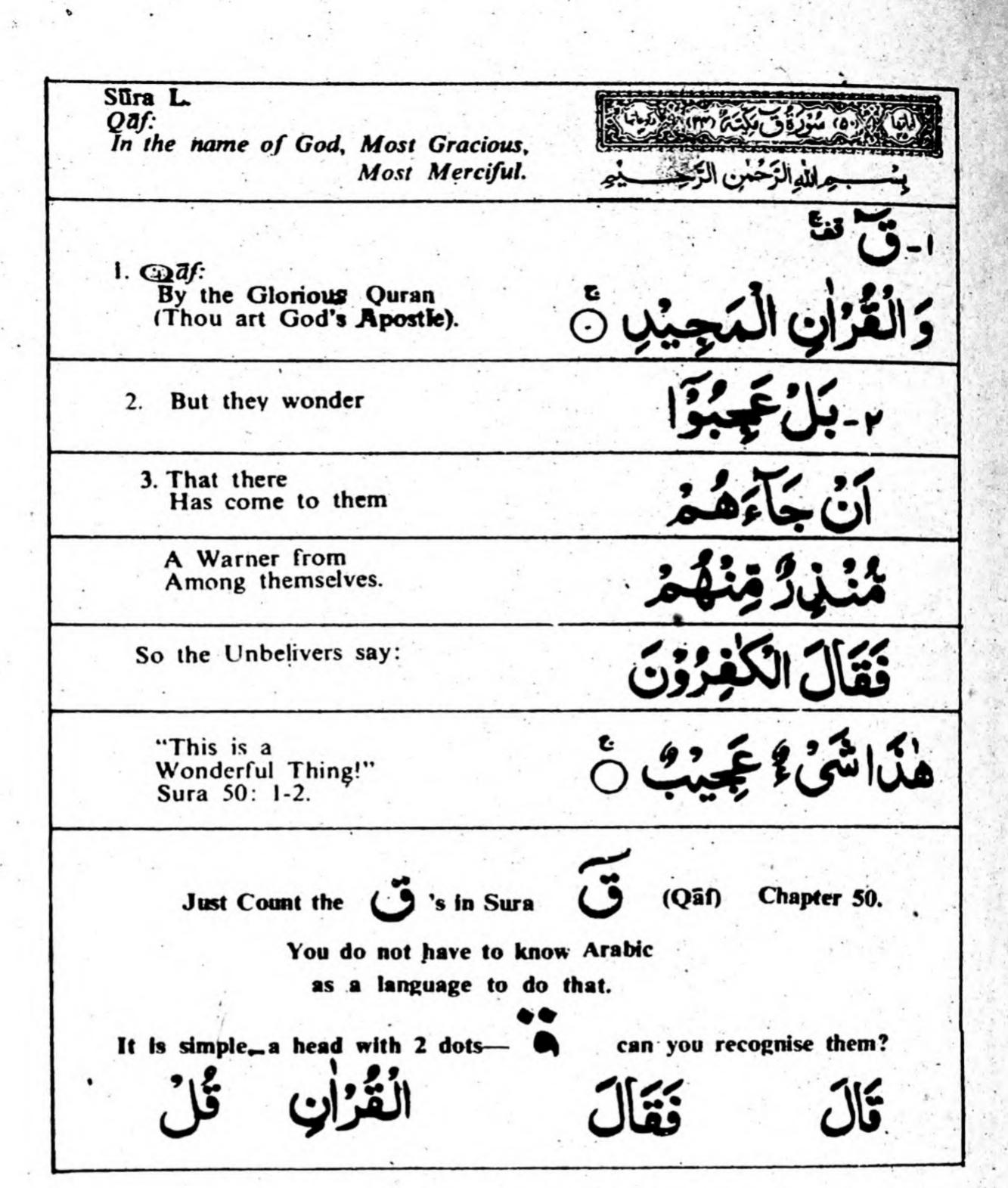


Fig. 17

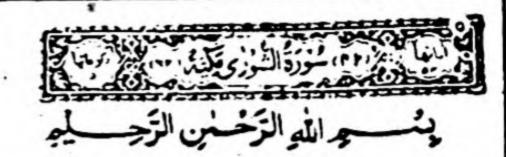


Sura XLII.

Shura. or Consultation.

In the name of God, Most Gracious,

Most Merciful.



- 1 Ha-Mim:
- 2 Ain. Sin, Qaf.

خمر في عسن

3 Thus doth (He) send Inspiration to thee كُنْ لِكَ يُوْحِيُ إِلَيْكَ

As (He did) to those before thee. -

fore

و إلى الآنِينَ مِنْ قَبُلِكُ

God. Exhalted in Power. Full of Wisdom.

wer.

الله العزيز الحكيم

Note that this Sura 42 - قست

and Sura 50 -

ق

has

ه ده و

as a common denominator.

There are 57 (19 X 3)

هٔ ق

in Sura 50.

in this Sura

Also 57 (19 X 3)

Hence 114 (19 X 6) (5 s in both

Containing Suras

It is a reasonable assumption

that



or"Q" stands for Quran,

One each for every one of all the 114 Chapters of the Quran!

look for a "head with 2 dots." Count these heads! Sura 50 has 57 (19 x 3) such "heads" AND Sura 42 has, again 57 (19 x 3) such heads. Is this humanly or mechanically possible? We will ask the electronic computer later on.

Between the above 2
Suras there are 114

Qaf's, i.e. 19 x 6. It is a

reasonable assumption that Qaf stands for the Qur'an, equally as "Q" is for Qur'an and there are 114

Suras in the Holy Qur'an, one for each and every one of them! In other words the Author is telling us that each and every Chapter is the Qur'an, the whole Qur'an and nothing but the Qur'an.

It will take you just a few minutes to count these Qafs in each of these Suras. You will really feel the miraculous nature of the Holy Qur'an. To the Huffaz — those who have memorized the Qur'an, I say, you must scan for

see whether you can reach the exact total. If you fail again and again then count them physically, you will then realise how stupendous this feat is. If our Prophet did any such counts and calculations, he would have had to do them in his head because he did not know how to read or write (Holy Qur'an 7:157).

Even a super-genius would have encountered some difficulties in accomplishing such a task. The real Author did not, but before anyone jumps to the conclusion that it was simply a super "COINCIDENCE" or that some spiritual "COMPUTER" had worked it all out, He goes out of His Way to convince us that a Greater-than-human Mind was involved in doing this job. Hypothetically of course, when our Author completed the 2 Qaf containing Suras in his head (if Muhummed had done it) he would

have had to count all the Qafs and divide them by 19 and if the number was an exact multiple of 19

then it would be perfect for him to dictate to his scribes. Once dictated, he could never retract. This was his practice.

Let us say that Muhummed (?) was eminently

successful' with Sura 42 with his 57 (19 x 3) Qafs, but when he counted those of Sura 50 to his amazement he counted 58; and 58 is not a multiple of 19. Either he had to add some more verses to get 18 more

Qafs to complete his units of 19 or eliminate 1

Qaf. The latter course was easier of course.



But which Qaf to eliminate?

He begins at the beginning of Sura It would have been the easiest thing in the world to

eliminate the very first Qaf, and his problem would be over. But, No! This is the king pin of his whole system to tell us that we were to count these Qur'anic "Initials" and then divide them by 19 and discover the Omniscient Mathematician at work. In the past fourteen centuries, if a single Sura had been lost, out of the 114 then the number of Suras would no longer be a multiple of 19. Nay, if a single one of the 14 letters of the Arabic alphabet had been added, deleted or tampered with then again this marvellous interlocking mathematical system would have fallen to pieces, and the Qur'an too would have joined the rest of the Religious Scriptures of the world begging for REVISION. The real Author has truly. fulfilled His promise:

إِنَّا مَحْنُ نَرُّلْنَا اللِّي كُنَّ

WE HAVE, WITHOUT DOUBT, SENT DOWN THE MESSAGE;

وَإِنَّالَهُ لَهُ فِطُونَ ٥

AND WE WILL ASSUREDLY GUARD IT (against corruption).

(Holy Qur'an 15:9)

Directly, about half the Qur'an is involved in this intricate mathematical system in the 29 "Initialed" Suras as you see in Fig. 14 Page 47. Indirectly, the whole of the Book of God is similarly protected. You remember the "Allah" words in the Qur'an? On the average of 1 "Allah" word for every 2½ verses, if a single sentence was added or deleted even in Allah's Name, Allah's Own preserving system would have come to nothing.

CHAPTER 8

THE MATHEMATICAL MIRACLE

Is it possible that this most complicated dovetailing method of guarding and preserving the Holy Qur'an, could have come about by fluke, by chance, by accident, by COINCIDENCE? Could a non-conscious computer have created this miracle of "Purity of style, of Wisdom and of Truth" as Rev. Bosworth-Smith opines? The Author of the Qur'an has gone out of His Way to show us that His Book is no fluke; that a conscious mind was involved in its production. He leaves tell-tale marks, "fingerprints," clues for us to discover His Mighty Hand.

If any human author had undertaken such a supernatural task as writing such a Book as the Qur'an, surely he would at least have had some hesitation in attempting to surmount the impossible. God Almighty could easily have solved these problems real or deliberately created without making us a witness to His effortless "effort"; but He wants to draw our attention to His Conscious task. He demonstrates to us that if a human being had written the Qur'an, and even If everything went well with him, he

would still be left over with an extra-



.Qaf. You

see, after having written the two



Qaf con-

taining Suras and counting them, he would have been

confronted with 115



Qafs and not 114 as we

find them now. If Muhummed had been their author, then, further, we could well imagine his extra difficulty that of first composing the Suras in his head, because he could neither read nor write. Once having "written" them in his head, he would then have to memorise them. Imagine memorising the unwritten word which you have never seen or even heard being repeated to you! When the Holy Prophet was ready to dictate any portion of the Qur'an, he called his scribes and began to "read" as if he were reading out of a book (Holy Qur'an 29:48); it seemed as if they had been memorised.

Let us assume for a moment with the sceptic that Muhummed (?) accomplished the above impossible feat and then added the Qafs in both the Qaf

containing Suras and found the total to be 115; then he divided them by 19 and found himself left with 1 remainder, which he had to eliminate before dictating. It would have been the easiest thing in the world to erase

the very first



Qaf, but for the reason already

given he had to retain it. The next immediately in the words that follow:

وَ الْقُرُانِ الْمَجِينِةِ

BY THE GLORIOUS QUR'AN

He had more than thirty other synonyms for this one word

"Qur'an" in the Qur'an itself. Synonyms like "al'Kitaab," "al'Furqan," "al-Burhan," "al'Dhikr," "at-Tanzeel" etc. and we would have been none the wiser about what the Author had done, but he wants to drive the point home

Qaf stands for Qur'an as "A" is for "Apple." Furthermore the impact would have diminished. Our Author is a perfectionist. So he will continue to

Scan for a Qaf to eliminate, in his "head."

Around verse 13 he comes across the biggest cluster

of Qafs. Five to be exact. He must eliminate one of these. Let us examine Fig. 19 Page 58 and read

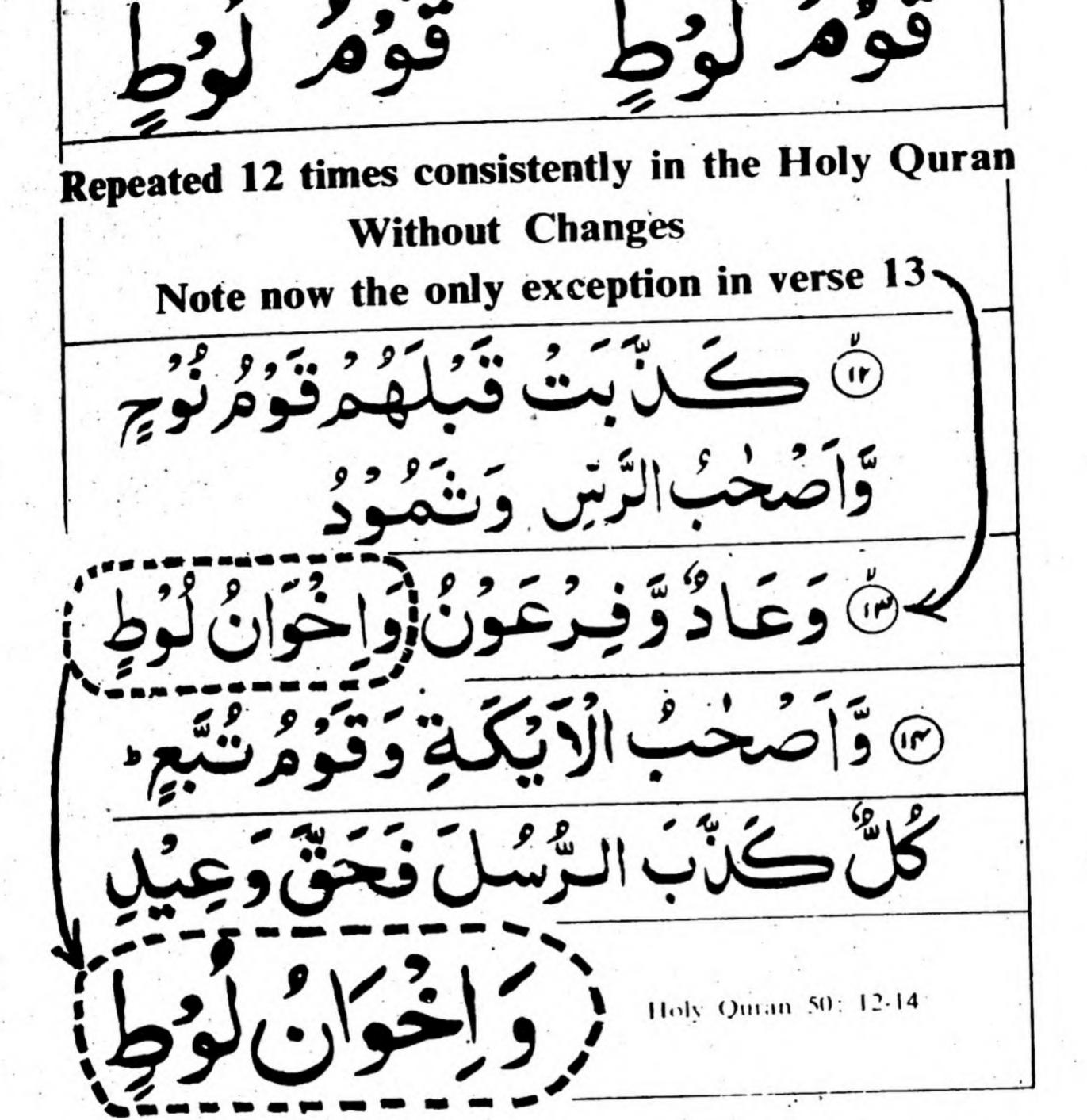


Fig. 19

verses 12, 13 and 14. There are only 4 here. Yes, but there were supposed to be 5. "Do you mean to say that the Qur'an has been changed?" You ask. "No," I say. "Then, how can you account for your contradictory statements?" You see, the Author — God or Muhummed — had intended 5 s Qafs between these 3 verses. The clue is in verse 13. Look at the encircled word "Ikhwano Lût" (Brethren of

لينا). It ought to have been ومُركُوط "Oawmu Lüt"

(People of Lut). Why تُومُ لُوط "Qawmu Lut"? Because the Author has consistently described the people of Lot as

"Qawmu Lūt," قُومُ لُوط "Qawmu Lūt," 12 times throughout the Qur'an in different places. Why should the Author Who is so unvarying in His description of this abominable people, who were destroyed for their unnatural lust, described them the "thirteenth" time in

the "thirteenth" verse as "Ikhwano Lūt" (Brethren of Lut). An Author who can give you 3.synonyms between 2 verses as in verses 12 and 13, to describe a "group of people," and even convey the idea of "a people" without any adjective, is the same Who adhered

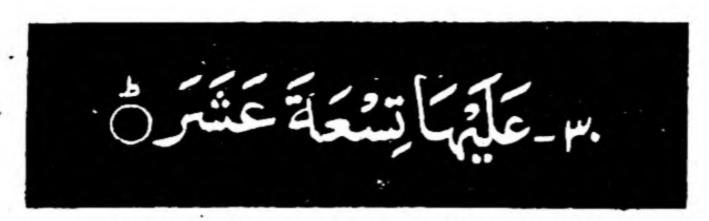
"Qawmu Lut." قَوْمُ لُوْطِ to that unchanging phrase

Any attentive reader would have noticed the changed formula in verse 13. Any human author, knowing the beauty of using synonyms and yet remaining consistent a

dozen times would have naturally repeated "Qawmu Lût" and made His baker's dozen (13). In that

case there would have been 58. Qafs in Sura

"Qaf" and 58 is not a multiple of 19. Did He not say — "I will make you to reckon with 19?"



OVER IT ARE NINETEEN.

There is only one other Sura which has a single "Initial" affixed to it and that is **Sura Şād**, the 38th Chapter of the Holy Qur'an. Please note that as in Suras 50 and 68 where

the initials



"Qaf" and



"Nūn"

respecteively are never translated, so too the Sad remains Sad in Sura 38. No translator had the temerity to give them meanings. Interpretation, yes; translation, no! By the Grace of God, we see today, God's own mathematical scheme to guarantee His Word against corruption. A system so simple and so easy to verify — one that even a child could follow. But how was it possible that our great commentators — ancient and modern — had overlooked these obvious and irrefutable facts? The answer is easy — 'The Time Was Not Ripe.' It was inopportune!

With Chapter 38 two other Suras share the same com-

mon denominator of \$\frac{1}{2} \tag{3} \tag{3} \tag{5} \tag{3} \tag{5} \tag{5

concerned solely with Sad the common denominator between the 3 Suras. The total is 152 Sad's. An exact multiple of 19 (19 x 8)!

But let me remind you that our Author is not interested in just a single letter as above. Note that in Sura 7, four letters are involved, and in Sura 19, five letters. Together with Sura 38 in this set of letters, He is taking 10 winners home. Count them or computerize them, there is no end to our wonderment. Was all this in answer to Muhummed's prayers? He was ever beseeching his Lord. "O Allah! Increase me in knowledge! O Allah! Expand my

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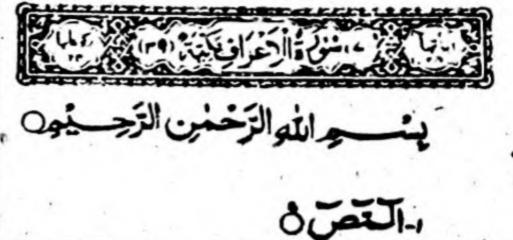


Sura VII.

A'raf, or The Heights.

In the name of God, Most Gracious, Most Merciful.

1. Blif, Lam, Mim, Sad.

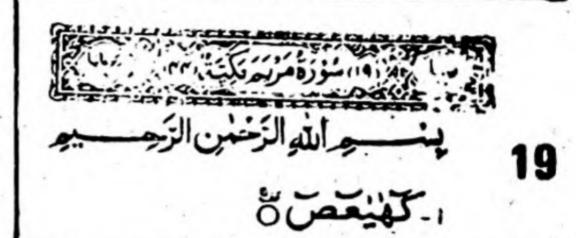


Sura XIX.

Maryam, or Mary.

In the name of Allah, Most Gractous, Most Merciful.

. 1. Kaf. Ha. Ya. 'Ain. Sad.



Sora XXXVIII.

Sad (being one of the Abbreviated Letters).

In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful.

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	28	ا ص	ص	38	

19)152

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(19 x 8 · 152)

عَلَيْهَا تِسْعَهُ عَشَرُ ٥٥ : 74 عَلَيْهَا تِسْعُهُ عَشْرُ ٥٠

Over it are nineteen.

Fig. 20

understanding! O Allah! Increase me in my wonderment!"

"Alif, Lam, Mim, Şad." In Sura 7 —

There are 2572 's Alif's 1528

's Mim's and 98 " Sād's adding to a grand total of 5358 (19 x 282).

In Sura 19 (

"Kấf, Hã, Yã, 'Ain, Sãd."

137

"Hā" 168

345

122

26 798 (19 x 42)

In the first Sura of the "set" under discussion, i.e. Chapter 7, we find another clue, tell-tale mark or "fingerprint" of its Divine Author. In verse 69 (Fig. 21 Page 63), please study the word "Bastatan." Note that it

is spelt









with

"Ṣād," but on top of that "Ṣād"



is a tiny

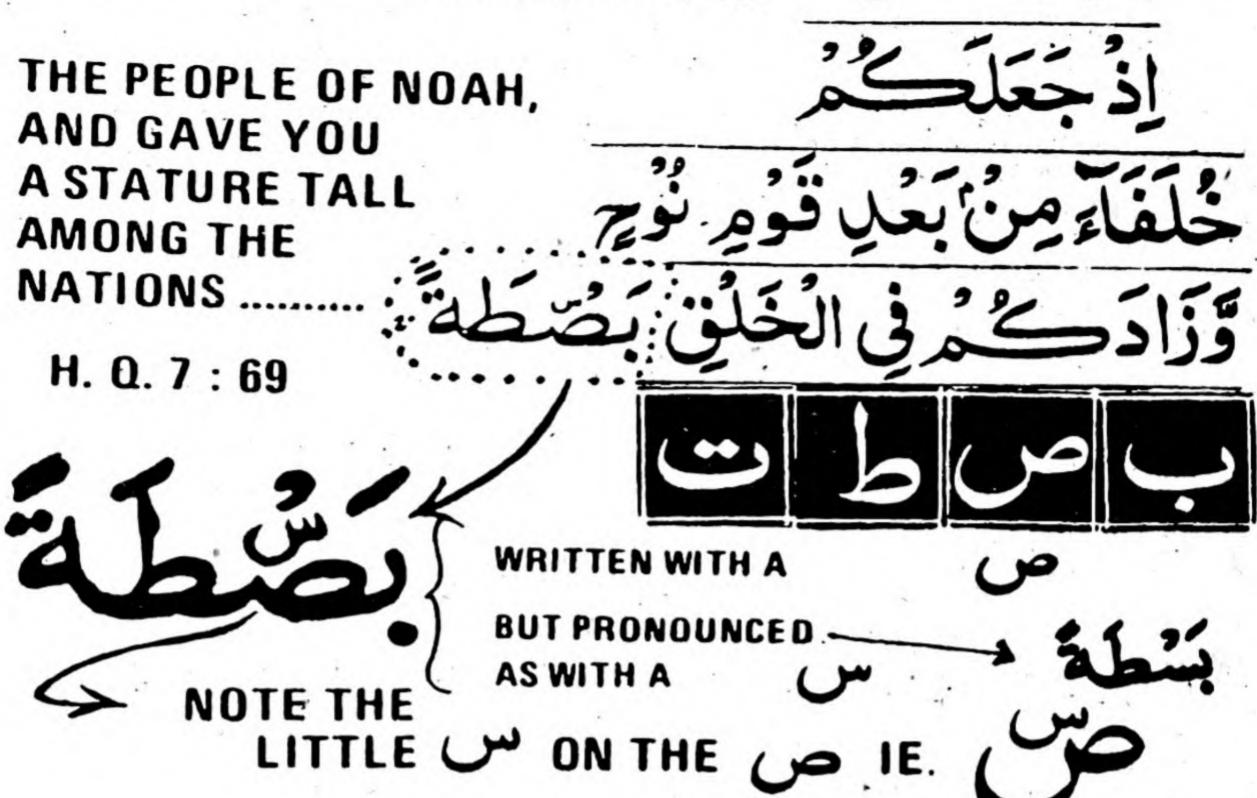
"Sin," to tell us that though

"Sād" is written, we must pronounce it as

"Sin." In the language of the Arabs, a hundred million of them, in their numerous dialects, there is not a "Bastatan" with a "Sad." Arabic is a

AND REMEMBER THAT HE MADE YOU INHERITORS AFTER

.. وَاذْ كُووْا



WHY WRITE WHEN YOU WISH TO PRONOUNCE ?

DID THE SCRIBES NOT KNOW HOW TO SPELL?

FOR ANSWER SEE H.Q. 2:247

phonetic language. We spell actually as we articulate, unlike English wherein you pronounce 'nife" but spell it as "knife," or 'filosofer' but spell it as "philosopher." Then why the variant spelling in the word "Bastatan?"

It is related that while our Holy Prophet Muhummed was dictating the above verse 69, when he came to the "Bastatan", he told his scribe that word

'Jibraeel says, spell the word "Bastatan" with a "Sad," so they spelt it with a

"Sad" and so it

has remained for 1400 years. The question arises, did not the scribes of Muhummed, know how to spell? Certainly they knew how to spell, (See Fig. 22 Page 65) and you will observe in 2:247 that the same word \$ 1 "Bastatan" is

"Sin." If they could spell it correctspelt with a ly here then why the difference in 7:69? Well, it makes no difference to the meaning whether the word is spelt with

"Sin" or with a true, just like the English word "docile," whether spelt 'dosile' or 'docile' the meaning remains the same; "circle" or "sircle" the meaning does not change. But why should Gabriel tell them how to spell the word in the first place?

For almost over a thousands years the Holy Qur'an was being copied by hand, and transmitted from father to son. There were no printing presses for over a thousand years after the Qur'anic Revelation. Every learned man while transcribing by hand, when he came to 2:447, he spelt the word 2,7 >/ "Bastatan" automatically; no ef-

fort at all in spelling because the language was phonetic. But when the same scribes came to 7:69 each and every one of them must have been perturbed at the "wrong" (?) spelling. Perhaps his father or grandfather must have made a slip? No! He dared not change the spelling because the angel of God had dictated it so. And so it has remained. Not a single copy of the millions written by hand has a "revised" spelling. Had any "wise guy" taken

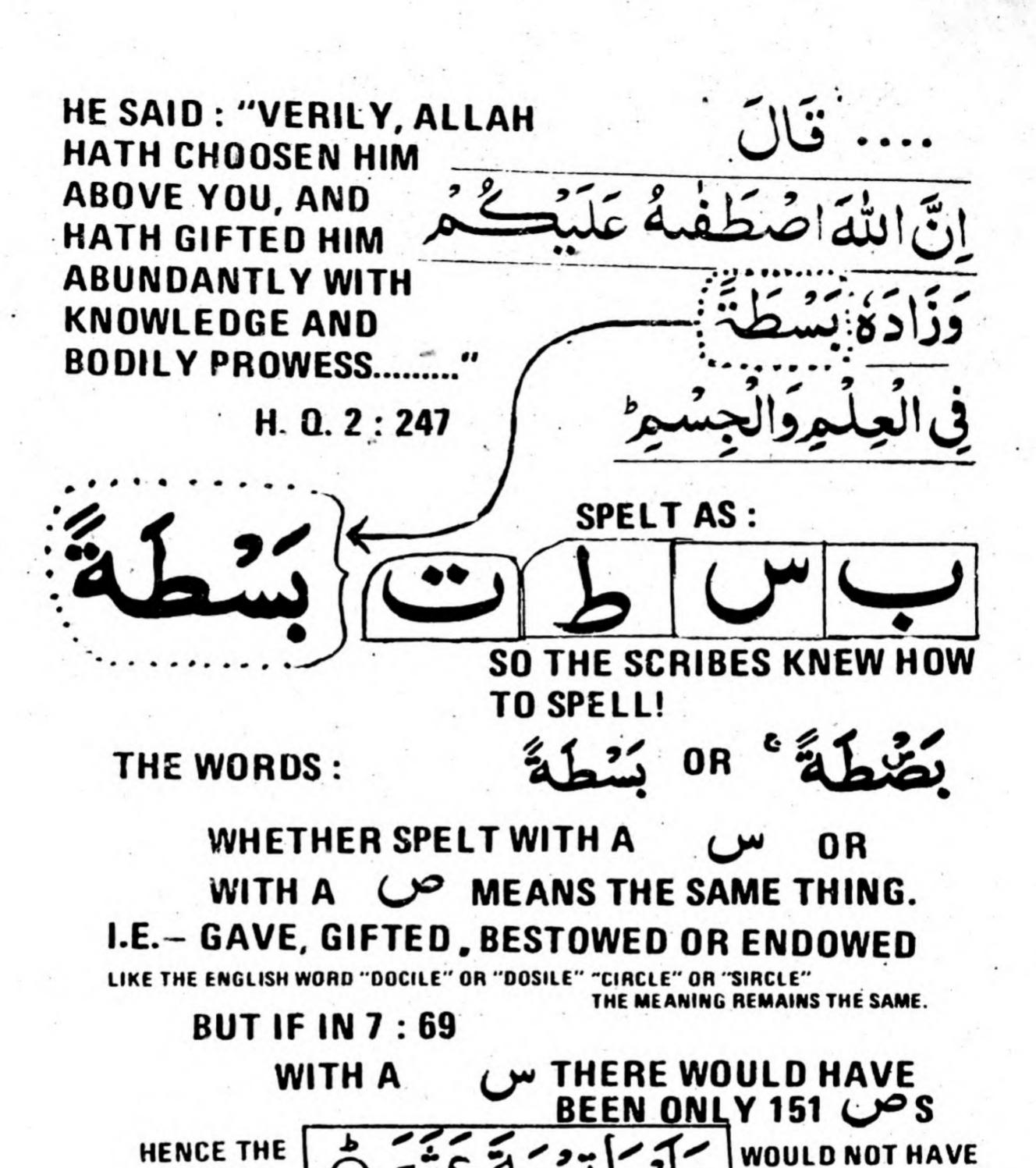


Fig. 22

BEEN FULFILLED

WARNING

this natural liberty at rectification of the Word of God, we would have been short of just ONE "SAD," in

the 3 "Ṣād" initialled Suras, leaving us with 151 s. "Ṣād" and 151 is not a multiple of "19."

How can you not bow down your head in absolute amazement and prayer before such an Author, the Omnipotent, Omniscient, Omnipresent God of the Universe, Who is granting us signs after signs to recognise Him? Verily, He has fulfilled His Promise!

إِنَّا شَحْنُ نَزَّلْنَا الرِّي كُنَّ

WE HAVE, WITHOUT DOUBT, SENT DOWN THE MESSAGE;

وَإِنَّالَهُ لَحْفِظُونَ ٥

AND WE WILL ASSUREDLY GUARD IT (against corruption).

(Holy Qur'an 15:9)

Every Chapter of the Qur'an which has "Initials" affixed at the head of it, follows this same wonderful, aweinspiring pattern. Count the number of times the "Initials" occur in the Suras and divide them by 19, and without exception the answer is always exact multiple of 19! Who had the time and the ability to invent this most intricate mathematical system? Surely, not Muhummed, the busiest man in history! If cynics still want us to believe that Muhummed must have had some computer hidden away in the sand wherein he had programmed his Qur'an on this mathematical basis. I for my part would sooner accept this "Computer Theory" than that Muhummed the man — flesh and blood in all respects had contrived such a complex interlocking mathematical system to guard his "insights" from corruption.

In this treatise I have barely touched the tip of the "iceberg" of this phenomenal discovery. To those who wish to delve deeper into this subject. I heartily recommend a booklet and tape by Dr. Rashad Khalifa, Ph.D.

available from the "Islamic Tape Library," 318 Sayani Centre, 165 Grey Street, Durban for R3,00. Postage paid.(5) I am personally indebted to Dr. Khalifa for opening my eyes on this subject. May Allah grant him long life to selflessly serve the Cause of Islam.

But before we leave the mathematical miracle, allow me to present to you my last diagram on the "Muqatta-aat," (Fig. 23 Page 68) dealing with the Suras with

"Alif, Lām, Mim" combinations. Simply copy down on a sheet of paper the tabulated information and merely check up the totals. Leave the individual counting of the letters to the "Electronic Wizards" — the Computers. You will immediately realize the gargantuan nature of this super-human task so wrongly attributed to Muhummed.

The "Alif," and the "Lam" and the "Mim" of these 8 Suras amount to a staggering 26,676! To suppose that Muhummed kept count for 23 years and divided this stupendous number in his head and was satisfied only when his answer was 19 x 1404, is beyond belief. But still more startling is the fact, that he told nobody about his gigantic mathematical abilities — not even to Abu Baker, his bosom friend and companion, not even to his dear wife Bibi Aisha Siddiqa (R.A.) He claimed no credit for it to his dying day. Can you account for this staggering silence?

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3 Al-Imran	1251	1885	2578
7 A'raf	1165	1523	2572
13 Ráð	260	479	625
29 'Ankabūt	347	554	784
30 Rúm	318	396	545
31 Luqman	177	298	348
32 Sajda	158	1.54	268
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	19 x	1404 ==	26676

74:30 عَلَيْهَا رِسْعَةَ عَشَرَ Over it are nineteen.

CHAPTER 9

PROPHECY AND FULFILMENT

We are forced to conclude from these mind-boggling facts that no human being, not even the whole of mankind with all their Computers and Calculators could duplicate this Holy Book — the Mathematical Miracle — THE QUR'AN, "The ultimate miracle of creation." If you still harbour some lingering doubts about its Divine Authorship, why not ask your Computer?

New facts are being continually discovered on the same mathematical basis, thus increasing the odds against coincidence still further.

The magnitude of the above figure is far more formidable than the odds of life originating on earth by a series of "coincidences," by "accident" as the agnostics would have us believe. For life to generate and survive on our globe, here are some of their "chance" prerequisites:

- 1 The earth must be inclined on its axis at 231/2 degrees.
- 2 The rotation of the earth must be at the right speed.

The distance from the sun must not be any nearer or any further.

4 The moon too must be at its present distance.

The combination of the gases surroudning us must be at its existing ratio, etc. etc.

The possibility of every factor necessary for life to exist, exactly as we have it, by mere chance, is billions to one against their happening. But just a single angle of the Qur'anic Miracle puts the odds to septillions! We have yet to discover other aspects of this Wonder Book of God.

What should this latest Qur'anic discovery mean to us Muslims? We number some 900,000,000 in the world to-day, but really count for nothing. We are really a third grade nation. With all our "petro-dollars," even if constructively utilised to rebuild the Islamic Ummah, we Muslims would still be unable to catch up with Russia, China or America. For every step we advance in science and technology, in nuclear physics and space research, the above mentioned giants would be ten steps ahead of us. We will never be able to catch up with them. It is not Muslim-like to be pessimistic, it is true, but we have to be realistic.

Yet Allah has promised us in His Infallible Book, that He will make His "Deen" (meaning WAY OF LIFE, generally translated as "religion"), to prevail over every other way of life.

IT IS HE (God Almighty) WHO

٩-هُوَ الَّذِي

آرسل رسولا بالهناى

HAS SENT HIS APOSTLE WITH GUIDANCE

وَدِيْنِ الْحَقِّ

لِيُظْهِرَهُ عَلَى الْبِيْنِ كُلِّهِ

THAT HE MAY PROCLAIM IT OVER ALL RELIGION,

وَلَوْكُمْ الْمُشْرِكُونَ ٥

EVEN THOUGH THE MUSHRIKS MAY DETEST (IT).

(Holy Qur'an 61:9)

The same promise is repeated in 48:28 with a variation at the end.

وَكُفَى بِاللهِ شِهِينًا أَنْ

AND ENOUGH IS ALLAH AS A WITNESS (To this fact that He will make you to prevail)

How can these prophecies be fulfilled in us when we have become the laughing stock of the world? How on earth are we going to convince the atheists and the agnostics, the Christians, Communists, and others, when we dissipate our resources and energies in useless endeavours. However, despite our present dismal position and degradation, we shall triumph! The One in Whose Hands is all Power will perform the Miracle!

وُعُلُ اللهِ حَقًّا اللهِ

. . . THE PROMISE OF ALLAH IS TRUE . . .

(Holy Qur'an 4:122)

Again and again it has been demonstrated in history, how God fulfilled His Plans. Historians have failed to account for the sudden rise of the Arabs — from obscurity to greatness — through Islam. Let Thomas Carlyle describes the scene in his usual inimitable way: "A poor shepherd people, roaming unnoticed in its deserts since the creation of the world:" (NOBODY HAD GIVEN THEM A SECOND LOOK — ALEXANDER THE GREAT PASSED THEM BY, THE

ROMANS PASSED THEM BY — THIS HUMAN RUBBISH - AN ABSOLUTE LIABILITY TO ANY WOULD-BE CONQUEROR) "A Hero-Prophet was sent down to them with a word they could believe: see, the unnoticed becomes world-notable, the small has grown world-great; within one century afterwards, Arabia is at Granada on this hand, at Delhi on that; — glancing in valour and splendour and the light of genius, Arabia shines through long ages over a great section of the world . . . These Arabs, the man Mohomet, and that one century, - is it not as if a spark had fallen, one spark on a world of what seemed black unnoticeable sand; but lo! the sand proves explosive powder, blazes heaven-high from Delhi to Granada!" These are the words of a friendly critic, but compare them with those of a venomous Jew, who, writing on the history of medicine, has a sarcastic dig at his Semitic cousins — "camel drivers and goat-herds sitting on the throne of the Caesars." What profound truth, uttered in hate! Of all the Semites - the Phoenicicians had gone to Europe as traders, the Jews, as fugitives or captives, the Arabs alone had gone to Europe as kings!

This is what Allah had done in the past and He can easily do the same again. Remember the Mongols — how Islam conquered the conquerors of the Islamic Empire? After the initial barbaric onslaughts they became the voluntary slaves of Islam, to become its defenders and up-

holders for centuries.

History is replete with examples of the Mighty Hand of the God of Mercy, lifting up nations from abysmal depths of degradation to glorious heights in an instant. Watch His Mighty Hand do the impossible. If His "Deen" were in the hands of today's super powers, with their atomic weapons and space rockets, with mammoth printing presses and organising ability, and with all their material resources; if at their hands He made His plan to prevail, it would not be any wonder. But if for the "down and out," for the people from the "gutters," for everybody's "football" to vanquish the mighty, arrogant lords of the world, it would be a Miracle indeed!

It is our privilege and our prerogative to give battle to the nations of the earth, not with guns and dynamite but with intellectual weapons. Intellectually, Allah has given us the upper hand. He has given us a way of life, and we do not have to apologise for anything. We have the answers in Islam to every problem of mankind. First get the intellectual acceptance of the unbeliever, the rest will follow as the night follows the day. Prove to our antagonists that the Qur'an is the **veritable Word of God.** Demonstrate its Miraculous construction which only an Omnipotent, Omniscient Being could have produced. It is our duty to invite the unbeliever to Islam with the Qur'an in one hand and logic in the other; let us march forward for the conquest of the hearts and minds of mankind!

أدْعُ إلى سَبِينِل رَبِّكَ

INVITE (all) TO THE WAY OF THY LORD

بالجكتة

WITH WISDOM . . .

(Holy Qur'an 16:125)

And wisdom demands that we speak to a people according to their mental background and experiences. We are now living in the "Age of the Computer." Without this magical beast, all our progress will come to a standstill. Our airways, our banking and our telephones would be utterly helpless without this slave who has turned master. If the telephones in America were de-computerised for only a day, every woman from the age of 18 to 45 would have to be mobilised to run this one service alone and the manual equipment no longer exists!

Everyone, whether he has seen a computer or not, has heard about the magic and marvel of this machine and his life is affected by it. And, astonishingly, it always gives you the right answer, whether Christian-owned or Communist-owned. If you ask the computer, even with your own preconceived notions — "What is one plus one plus one?" The unerring answer will always be "three." If you ask a Roman Catholic-owned computer, "God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Ghost — how many Gods do they make? It will immediately respond

"THREE," without blushing. It has no feeling or sympathy for its owner's who desire to hear "ONE."

Talk to the educated nations of the earth in a language they can readily understand, the language of "exact science" — mathematics. Show them the Qur'anic mathematical "interlocking" marvel wherewith its Author — God Almighty — has preserved His Book from all human tampering, and challenge him with the Author's challenge.

قُلْ لَئِنِ اجْمَعَتِ الْإِنْسُ وَالْجِنَّ

SAY: IF THE WHOLE OF MANKIND AND JINNS WERE TO GATHER TOGETHER.

على أن يَانوا

TO PRODUCE

ببنل طناالفنان

THE LIKE OF THIS QUR'AN,

لايأتؤن ببيثله

THEY COULD NOT PRODUCE THE LIKE THEREOF,

وَلَوْكَانَ بَعْضُهُ فَرلِبَعْضٍ ظَهِيْرًان

EVEN IF THEY BACKED UP EACH OTHER WITH HELP AND SUPPORT.

(Holy Qur'an 17:88)

With the new Qur'anic findings, we will be able to achieve the following five effects:

1 It will create a great consternation in the heart of the antagonists of Islam.

2 It will convince sincere Jews and Christians, people like Jules Masserman and Michael H. Hart who hold

good opinions about Islam, that the source of Muhummed's Revelation is God Almighty, and the Holy Qur'an is the "Infallible Word of God" perfectly preserved.

It will increase and strengthen the faith of the Muslims, who already believe that the Qur'an is Allah's Kalaam.

- 4 It will eliminate all lingering doubts from the heart of the Muslims and the sincere followers of the "People of the Book."
- And finally, it will expose the bigots and the hypocrites as unfortunate fanatics whose evil destination is Hell, which God Almighty has prepared for those who deliberately reject His Guidance.

In conclusion, it is my humble Prayer that may Allah shower His choicest blessings upon the Holy Prophet Muhummed (May peace be upon him) and inspire Muslims to be worthy of His Mercy and the Honour He has reposed on all who serve Him with gratitude . . .

AAMEEN!

وسينجزى

BUT ALLAH WILL SWIFTLY REWARD

اللهُ الشَّكِرِينَ ٥

THOSE WHO (serve Him) WITH GRATITUDE.

(Holy Qur'an 3:144)

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